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Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students braved the cold temperatures to protest being in the middle of ongoing negotiations between the province and the teachers' union in front of the school on Tuesday, Dec. 11. On Thursday, elementary teachers went on strike for one day outside J.D. Hodgson Elementary School. See more on pages 5 and 8.

Darren Lum
Staff

Tims plans spring construction

While details are being ironed out, parties optimistic coffee shop will open by the summer

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

If all goes according to plan residents of Haliburton could see a new Tim Hortons taking shape next spring and open as early as June.

While news of the restaurant's progress has been quiet lately, there has been movement behind the scenes, according to the county and representatives of Tim Hortons.

The municipality of Dysart et al is still awaiting a site plan for the development to be located on County Road 21, said municipal planner Pat Martin.

"They still haven't finalized their site plan agreement, so we'll be working on that," she said. "They are moving ahead. It will be a springtime project."

Martin said council did see preliminary drafts for the project, which were put on hold while the company was in negotiations with the county and other agencies like Bell Canada.

"They have a number of agreements they have to enter in to," she said.

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Haliburton couple wins \$1 million

Jenn Watt
Editor

Barb and Tom Parish of Haliburton will be able to give their grandkids a big boost after winning \$1 million in the lottery.

The couple played Encore in conjunction with Lotto Max at Todd's Independent Grocer for the Nov. 23, claiming their prize Dec. 7.

The big win means the couple, both in their 70s, will be able to do some home renovations and give some money to their four granddaughters.

Barb, a retired school admin assistant, said the community has been overwhelmingly positive about the couple's win.

"Everyone is just so happy for us. It's just so nice," Barb told the Echo.

"We've been just so happy. People have been so happy for us. It's really been nice. It's been a fun experience. It's so unexpected and so wonderful," she said.

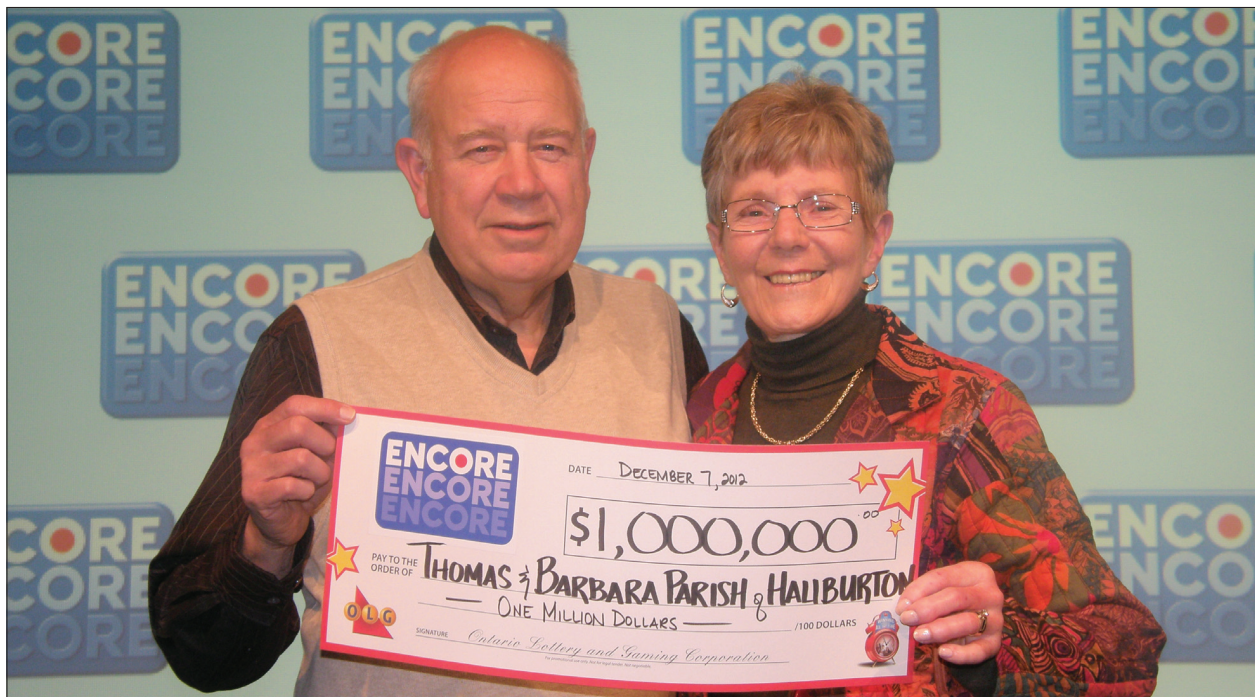
"Part of [buying tickets] goes to charities and we volunteer. That's why we play," Tom, a retired police superintendent, said in an OLG press release.

The pair is active in the Haliburton and Minden communities with curling and volunteering with the hospital auxiliary and Canoe FM.

While they've played the lottery for 30 years, the most they've ever won is \$84 previously.

"You just never, ever expect it," Barb said.

Barb grew up in Minden and Tom in Haliburton. They spent their working years in Toronto, retiring to their cottage property on Kashagawigamog in 2003.



Submitted

Tom and Barb Parish of Haliburton stand with their ceremonial \$1 million cheque at the OLG Prize Centre earlier this month. They claimed their prize Dec. 7. The ticket was purchased at Todd's Independent in Haliburton.

According to OLG, Encore produces the most big winners in Ontario and is drawn twice daily.

OLG spokesperson Don Pister said before the Parishes, the last big win was in Uxbridge Nov. 21 with another \$1

million prize.

There have also been two \$100,000 prizes since the Parishes in Ontario.

County tourism photo contest launches this week

Heads Up Hairstylists



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Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The county's photo contest, which will garner a photo to be featured on its new tourism website, will launch Dec. 19.

County IT co-ordinator Mike March gave councillors a preview of the modern-looking webpage where contestants will be able to upload photos of the Highlands using Facebook and Twitter, with the hashtag #experiencehaliburton, during a Dec. 12 meeting.

"I'm lost," quipped Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey.

"Even if you don't get it, do you like it?" Algonquin Highlands Reeve and County Warden Carol Moffatt, who sits on the new site's steering committee, asked her colleagues.

Council was in agreement the page looked good.

The contest runs until Jan. 31.

The photo webpage will be rolled into the new tourism site and will present an ever-changing and updated collection of submitted photos.

The county will retain the ability to screen photos so that no inappropriate content makes its way onto the new site.

The county is paying Faren Group Inc. \$25,700 plus taxes for the creation of the site, which is expected to be completed in February.

Two men charged with possession

Bancroft OPP charged two Highlands East men with possession of marijuana.

On Dec. 11, police executed a warrant on a Sprucedale Street home in Cardiff.

Two men were charged and marijuana was seized.

A 27-year-old man and a 24-year-old man were charged with possession. Both were held in custody pending bail hearings in Belleville Dec. 12.

**OPP nab impaired driver
near Haliburton**

While conducting a RIDE program on Gelert Road, police were called to respond to an impaired driver on Soyer's Lake Road.

According to a press release, on Dec. 8, police were called by a concerned citizen who had spotted the driver around 5 p.m.

Police intercepted the car and charged a 61-year-old man from Newmarket with impaired driving and driving with more than 80 mgs of alcohol in his blood.

He will appear in Minden court in February to deal with the charges.

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After school programs reinstated

Jenn Watt
Editor

Point in Time's after-school programs and summer day camp will be running again in 2013 after the county re-instated the group's funding.

The child and family services organization staff heard the good news at a holiday gathering Dec. 12 in their Haliburton office from executive director Marg Cox.

"It's good news for kids," Cox told the paper before the reception.

"Kids and families were concerned about what would happen [if funding wasn't found]."

In September, Haliburton County councillors had decided to cut funding to the Point in Time programs in order to manage provincial funding reductions.

However, at a subsequent meeting councillors learned there were miscalculations made and most programs could continue as usual.

Councillors decided to revisit the cuts and reinstate funding.

Point in Time runs after-school activities in Wilberforce, Cardiff and Minden. It also offers a low-cost summer adventure day camp in July and August throughout the county.

After-school programs will resume in January, 2013.

Cox said the after-school programs were overwhelmingly successful with 71 kids registered at the Minden site.

With few recreational activities available to kids, news that the program would be shut down had troubled the executive director.

She said research has shown recreation programs not only improve kids' physical fitness, but also their emotional wellbeing. There is a separately funded after-school program run at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton once a week.

That program runs purely on donations.

While Cox said this year has been funded already, another \$18,000 must be found to continue in Haliburton into the 2013-2014 year.

The program includes food and activities for youth and their parents.

Donations can be made online at pointintime.ca.

Point in Time achieves accreditation

Jenn Watt
Editor

It took several years and hours of staff and board time, but it's all paid off for Point in Time.

On Dec. 12, executive director of the child and family services group, Marg Cox, announced they had achieved accreditation.

"The standards changed twice while we were working on it," she said, thanking everyone for their work in the process.

This is the first time Point in Time has been accredited and they served as a pilot project for the Canadian Centre for Accreditation, which is a new body that assesses community-based health and social service organizations.

To be accredited means the organization has met every mandatory standard and has achieved at least 80 per cent in "leading practice standards."

"CCA interviewed our staff and clients, audited our files, observed some of our programs and surveyed a variety of people, including community partners, volunteers and staff," a press release from Point in Time reads.

"This gave them a chance to see and hear whether we do what we say we do."

Cox gave her staff an idea of what their services mean to clients.

According to her statistics, 91 per cent of youth who received service from Point in Time would recommend it to another youth. The day camp garnered a 98 per cent satisfaction rate. More than 90 per cent of those in the differential

response program said it had given them the tools to better express their anger. Cox said accreditation has not only shown the organization what it does right, but also given it a framework for further improvement.

"It doesn't mean we're perfect ... but now we have a benchmark," she said.

The CCA called Point in Time "an exemplary organization with a committed board, staff, management and executive director."

Board vice-chairwoman Kim Stamp thanked staff for their work.

"On behalf of the board, a huge congratulations to staff," she said, calling accreditation a "huge accomplishment."

Cox said the board had attended summer "boot camp" to assist in the process.

"They really need a huge pat on the back for leadership and high standards set as a governance board," she said.

Point in Time offers a range of services from counselling to youth justice to family support for children under 18 years old and their families.

Jenn Watt Staff

Point in Time staff celebrate accreditation together on Dec. 12. From top of stairs left, Cathy Constantino, Amanda Wells, Lisa Hamilton, Mallory Savery-Whiteway, Linda Mintz, Cynthia Hutchinson, Dawn Milburn, Donna Austin, Alyssa Struhar, Dan Bajorek, Marg Cox, Kim Stamp, Sharon Lynch, Ginny Urquhart and Joan Wilson. Absent: Joelle Hill, Kelly Harrison, Marg Hockley, Marnie Blair, Mary Sisson, Michelle Wolfe Miscio and Nicole Mee.



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AH reeve steps into role as county warden

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

She loves the Highlands, is known as a community leader and can be “a touch too forthright”

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt was acclaimed as the Haliburton County Warden for the upcoming year at the inaugural session of county council on Dec. 11.

Nominated by Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen, Moffatt was a suitable choice for the position for a variety of reasons, including her passion for the job and volunteer work.

“I’ve known Carol for a number of years now and watched with growing respect her commitment to the community as a councillor and reeve and member of county council,” said Danielsen. “Carol is hardworking, loyal ... she doesn’t shy away from taking on tasks that might look overwhelming to others.”

With no other nominations brought to the floor, Moffatt was acclaimed to the position for 2013, following in the footsteps of previous warden Murray Fearrey.

Moffatt took the oath of office and was presented with the warden’s chain and robe.

“You realize you’ve got the weight of the county on your shoulders,” said Fearrey as he placed the robe on the warden elect.

Moffatt thanked Fearrey for his years of service to the county, touting him as a “leader in the community.”

During her address Moffatt said she was looking forward to the year ahead and the priorities council will be tackling.

“We’ve always had challenges here ... we’ll do the best we can with cutbacks and changing needs and demands for services,” she said.

One of the warden’s top priorities is for council to make sound decisions about tourism in the area.

“I think we need to make sure we make the right decisions because tourism isn’t something that just happens for us it’s something that’s integral to everything that happens in our economy.”

Other ongoing projects the county would be dealing with include the Walker’s/EMS property, the Rail Trail and managing the natural environment.

“I’d like to see us, moving forward, to think big, think laterally and think successfully and keep on with the good work that’s been done in the past,” said Moffatt.



Angelica Blenich Staff

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, front centre, was voted the Haliburton County warden for 2013 at the inaugural meeting of council on Dec. 11.

County council members, from left, Dysart Deputy-reeve Bill Davis, Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey, Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch, Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge, Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen, Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton and Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid.

Will the term ‘reeve’ meet its end?

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

At their Dec. 12 meeting, county councillors discussed changing the title of leaders of the county’s four lower-tier municipalities from “reeve” to “mayor.”

“I’m the culprit for bringing this to county council,” said Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen, explaining she thought there was confusion around the title. “The term reeve is often misunderstood.”

The term “reeve,” its tradition tied to England, is commonly used to refer to the leader of a rural community, while the title of “mayor” is applied to the leader of a town or a larger centre.

Danielsen said she’d canvassed members of council about a potential name change and that, “generally speaking, people were supportive.”

One of those people was Algonquin Highlands Reeve and newly acclaimed County Warden Carol Moffatt, who said while she respected the history attached to the

title of “reeve,” perhaps it was becoming a bit old-fashioned.

Moffatt said at events with leaders from other areas, there is sometimes a lack of understanding about what the term means and a perception that a reeve is somehow less than a mayor.

“Then you have to spend five minutes explaining that you’re actually a mayor,” she said.

Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge said she’s experienced similar confusion.

“We rural people know, but it’s not a word that people understand in other areas,” she said.

Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton, who was fine with either title, said at a recent event he was the only reeve present.

“The rest were all mayors.”

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey explained that traditionally, a mayor was someone who presided over a population of 10,000 people or more.

“I think we’ve got more important issues to worry about than this,” Fearrey said, adding that if the titles

were going to be changed, he thought it should be timed with the next election.

Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Bill Davis said he’d never got much flack about his title.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid was in favour of the change.

“It just takes a lot of confusion out of it,” she said, adding she thought the change should be made immediately for simplicity’s sake.

Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch was “quite happy” with her title, but said if they were going to change, she thought it should be timed with an election.

Council titles are legislated at the local level, meaning that each of the four townships can make its own decision about the moniker.

While Moffatt thought it was important to have consistency between the four, Burton didn’t think it would be a big deal if some changed and some didn’t.

County councillors will be taking the matter back to their lower-tier councils.

Students voice concern over labour dispute

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

They shouted and waved protest signs in front of their school on a cold, but sunny day because their teachers couldn't.

Despite the sub-zero temperatures, there were more than 125 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students who streamed from the school, leaving their first period classes to show solidarity with their teachers on Tuesday, Dec. 11.

They stood, shivering on the side of the road to protest their inability to be part of the negotiating process in the ongoing battle between the province and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation.

With gloved hands, they held various signs denouncing the province's controversial Bill 115, also known as Putting Students First Act. The act limits collective bargaining, takes away the right to strike, freezes wages and slashes benefits.

Spearheaded by Grade 12 students Jonah Stonehouse, Keith Burley, George Charlebois and Melissa Sands, the event was organized over a few days the week before. It grew from a Facebook page where more than a 100 members signed up in a matter of minutes and now has close to 250.

The fervour came to a head on Tuesday with students shouting and waving signs to passing drivers who honked in support or shook their heads in disapproval.

Burley started the protest with a passionate speech from atop the back of the historic train in front of the school. He said the protest was about more than losing extracurricular activities.

"This goes beyond that. We are here to protest against what is seen as a breach of democracy and a violation of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The men and women of that institute have been wronged by Bill 115," he said to cheers. "We are supporting our teachers. Teachers have been disrespected. Whose pay has been frozen. Whose benefits have been cut and, most importantly, whose rights have been banned. No collective bargaining. No negotiation and no respect. Up to this point it was not our place to get involved. As of now it has truly affected us as students. Not only has Bill 115 caused the discontinuation of our extracurricular [activities], it has jeopardized our fundamental freedoms."

While other Ontario high school students walked out of schools the day before because extracurricular activities were cancelled in the most recent volley in this battle, HHSS students showed solidarity with their own protest the day after because Monday was cancelled due to weather.

"We are not for the union. We are not for government because neither of them are for us. Now is the time we must make a stand. Now is the time we must be heard. Because right now our voices count," Burley said. "We must stand up for what is right even if we are the only ones standing."

Right after, senior student Ali Hicks walked through the crowd and collected signatures for a petition to scrap Bill 115 – days after the protest there are 180 signatures.

Another senior student and one of the main organizers Charlebois, who played football in the autumn, had sights on directing a play before last week's cancellation of extracurriculars. Despite his personal disappointment, he and his peers were motivated by the loss of rights and possibly others in the future.

"The point isn't just about us being whiny about our sports [and extracurriculars] ... we're standing up for what we feel isn't right," he said, adding this goes against democracy, naming the loss of collective bargaining as a key violation. "If we let one undemocratic thing pass then who knows where it will stop. We have to stop it early."

He added this protest is owed to more himself and the three other organizers, as it belongs to the many more, including the entire group who walked out.

Periodically, the group of mostly senior students with a few Grade 10s and 9s, did leave to warm up in the school, but returned throughout the day.

The crowds thinned as the day wore on, but the core group of dedicated protesters showed their spirit until the end of the day.

Senior student and one of the organizers, Stonehouse was surprised by the turnout.

"In all honesty we didn't expect that much of an outcome, we just wanted to show society that we have a voice, and that we care and support the teachers. It was good to see that so many of the future generation [are] trying to make a difference in society," he wrote in a text message.

He said there are no plans in place for future protests.



Senior Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students Ali Hicks and Riley Tait, who signs a petition against Bill 115, came out in numbers to stage a protest regarding the ongoing dispute between the province and the high school teacher union. Students said they feel like they don't have a say in the negotiations and want to strike for the teachers who cannot.



Darren Lum Staff

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students Bethany Little, left front, and Matt Sexsmith (with the sign reading, "one school, one voice," protest with students in front of the school on Tuesday, Dec. 11. Students want to be part of the negotiations between the province and the teachers. They performed the walkout for their teachers who cannot because of the controversial Bill 115.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Fair

Focus on kids

THIS YEAR IN Canada, children's mental health was thrust into the spotlight with several public teen suicides including the high profile death of B.C. teen Amanda Todd.

Bullying has gained international attention as a real threat to kids' wellbeing.

And statistics show that youth mental health is a growing concern amongst educators. (Incredibly, according to the Canadian Mental Health Association, nearly 300 young people a year take their own lives. The association also says only one in every five children in need of mental health help gets it.)

A well-timed good-news announcement from Point In Time last week means we'll be starting 2013 off on a better foot.

Their after-school programs, based in Minden, Wilberforce and Cardiff, will be resuming next year, as will the summer adventure day camp.

This comes on the heels of a vigorous debate at county council about what should be funded when the province begins to claw back social services funding.

After-school programs and inexpensive summer camp were on the chopping block until it was discovered that funding once thought to be lost was actually still available.

Recreation programs, thankfully, will be brought back in the New Year.

Point In Time executive director Marg Cox points out that these types of activities are good not only for the physical

wellbeing of youth, but for their mental and emotional health, too.

Recreation programs have been proven to increase self-esteem, lower depressive episodes and improve social skills in kids.

Especially in rural settings where programming can be sparse, these types of programs are essential to maintain.

In Haliburton, an after-school program for parents and kids runs at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School. It is funded by donations, so while it was unaffected by county deliberations, year after year its funding is up in the air.

Whether funded through taxpayer dollars or donations, our local programs for youth are a crucial part of our social services and worth supporting and fighting for.

Heading into the holiday season, there are many that could use your donations.

Point In Time takes donations online pointintime.ca (they also provide a wide array of respite, counselling and youth justice programs) or by phone 705-457-5345.

SIRCH offers many programs for families including community kitchens in both Minden and Haliburton www.sirch.on.ca, 705-457-1742.

Food For Kids offers breakfasts for students across the county awalkerfood-4kids@gmail.com, 705-455-2358.

Youth Unlimited offers after-school programs and summer camp coming from a Christian perspective jamie@youthunlimitedkaw.com, 705-854-0401.



Jenn Watt
Editor



Protest positive

photo by Darren Lum

Joy to your world

PERHAPS THE GREATEST gift we give to our children, our family, our friends and our community at Christmas and all year long is the gift of time.

I was doing my yoga practice on my living room floor this week and was lying on my back and looking up at our Christmas tree. It is beautiful and filled with many special decorations.

They each have a story. There is a small paper plate with colourful paper glued onto it, and topped off with lots of glitter. I can remember Madeline and I sitting in CHACE family centre making that decoration when she was three years old.

I can see it all. I was sitting in a chair that was designed for a three year old - my knees were up to my ears. There was a bunch of us doing this decoration as we talked and laughed and shared Christmas treats.

I remember Madeline bringing it home and hanging it so proudly that year on the tree. Every year when it comes out we talk about CHACE and about that time in our lives.

Another decoration that is always our centrepiece on the tree was from a shopping mall adventure when Madeline was four. I told her she could pick out one special decoration for the tree that year, and she took all day.

She chose the decoration quickly, but there were five options of ribbon col-

our and she thought and thought and thought about which one was the right one. We spent all day in a mall going back to the store while she anguished over the choice.

Every year when she hangs that decoration I am transported back to that time and I laugh.

This past weekend I was involved in the ninth Heritage Ballet Nutcracker.

So many people work to make this beautiful production happen in our community. Parents and non-parents volunteering their time to allow these 64 children to have

a magical Christmas experience. I was so impressed by one of the dads who googled "bun making" and learned how to make his daughter's bun for the Friday show. It is a little thing, but made a big difference to that dancer.

He took the time to make sure she looked beautiful.

I have friends who support their kids in their activities such as hockey, music lessons, skiing, etc. It all takes time to support kids in their activities.

When these kids are adults and out in the world they are going to remember the people who took the time to do the little things and the big things with them. Christmas vacation is a great time to do things with people you care about.

Perhaps time is the way to bring more joy into your world this Christmas. Merry Christmas everyone.



Lynda Shadbolt
Tales from The Great
Green Meadow



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points of view

An open letter to Linda

JUST YESTERDAY MY buddy Tom called me to talk about a serious issue that he and his wife Linda continue to be at odds about. It was a very personal matter and he asked me not to share it with anyone else. Here then is my response. Please keep it to yourself.

Dear Linda,

Normally, I would not get involved in the personal affairs of another couple, but you, Tom and I have been friends for many years and I think that, in this case, perhaps a little outside perspective might help. Therefore, I hope you take this advice in the spirit in which it is offered.



Steve Galea
Loon Tales

Tom called the other day and let me know of the recent ultimatum you placed upon him. And needless to say, he was completely heartbroken.

And, while I understand your aversion to Tom, a 48-year-old father of two, going all *Gangnam Style*, I think that your prohibition of him doing so might have been a terrible mistake.

Please understand that, in the past, I have supported your prohibitions.

When Tom was in his *Don't Worry; Be Happy* whistling phase, for instance, I completely supported your position and also threatened to leave him. Likewise with the *Macarena*.

And *Hammer Time* as well, though it hurt me to see those vivid parachute pants retired.

But Linda, surely you can see that *Gangnam Style* is different.

I've known Tom for nearly 20 years and nothing, in my opinion, has captured the essence of the man like this great Korean mega-hit. *Gangnam Style* is more than just a catchy dance and totally awesome song, it's who Tom is.

You and I can try to deny that, but we both know we're not fooling anyone. Tom's lanky physique and gangly arms are tailor-made for this dance craze.

By forcing him to stop, you are practically inviting him to go *Gangnam Style* behind your back, outside of the confines of your marriage. Is this what you really want?

More to the point, why are you doing this to me?

Do you realize how many phone calls I've had to field since the ban? Do you know how awkward it is for me to visualize him dancing *Gangnam Style* while he repeats the lyric, "Hey, sexy lady" over and over again?

I'm not sure if me calling at 8 a.m. last Wednesday has anything to do with this, but I can't help but think that perhaps it does.

If so, please know that I have suffered enough. Oh, need I also remind you that you promised to love him for better or worse? And that I didn't. I can change my number and make it unlisted.

Linda, they say if you love something, set it free. Right now, your husband needs that freedom. And he says that when he's dancing *Gangnam Style*, he has never felt so free or alive.

So set him free Linda. Let him live.

Yes, he'll wear out the hardwood floors for a while. Yes, he'll embarrass you and the kids in front of company, at your office Christmas party and at the mall. Yes, he'll probably initiate another flash mob. All that's a small price to pay for him finally finding himself - again. I mean how special is that?

The point is that you need to work this out. Or at least contain it. Now.

Your friend,
Steve



pic of the past

Grade 9, 1955. Back row, from left to right, Sheila Curry, Sandra Crofts, unknown, Willis Bain, last two Irma Bird and Marlene Black. Middle row, from left to right, four unknown people, Della Carr, unknown, Alan Coneybeare, unknown, Bruce Bounsel, Ed Burke, Bob Austin, Gary Boyko, Murry Cowan, Blake Coneybeare and Miss Gardner (teacher). Front row, from left to right, three unknown, Sandra Archer, unknown, Stewart Barnum, last two Karen Cox and Marie Cowan. Submitted by Ed Burke.

letters to the editor

Making wishes come true

To the Editor,

Before her death from cancer in October 2008, a fund called Sissy's Love Connection (SLC) was established as a legacy for Janice Crawford. As a Haliburton resident and very active volunteer, Janice would be delighted and proud to know that she has helped hundreds of local children.

As the money in Sissy's Love Connection has all been spent, the fund is now closing.

At this time, we would like to inform the community how the money was used. In addition we wish to again thank the very generous individuals who contributed cash donations or items for the big auction fundraiser in May 2008. We are also grateful to the following organizations that gave money ... Kawartha/Haliburton Victim Services, Haliburton Veterinary Services, St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church and the Ingoldsby United Church Women. Since August 2008 approximately \$8,000 has been donated from SLC to enrich young peo-



Janice Crawford

ples' lives with cultural activities. Individual young people have had financial assistance for lessons in singing, guitar, piano, and dance. Instruments have been purchased and courses have been taken at the Art Hive and Minden Cultural Centre. In four consecutive years, hundreds of students benefitted by SLC donations to Artists in the School. In this program, Haliburton County artists provided classroom activities as varied as glass-blowing, sculpting, puppetry, dancing and storytelling. For three years, including the June 2013 session, students, with the help of Sissy's Love Connection, attended a weeklong arts camp sponsored by Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

Students and parents have expressed much appreciation for these wonderful enriching opportunities. On behalf of Janice's family and friends, thank you to all Sissy's Love Connection supporters for the opportunity to make some of Janice's wishes come true.

Sharon Harrison
Sissy's Love Connection



Photos clockwise, left, Mike Gervais, ETFO member, teachers walk with picket signs and the line of teachers were more than 60 strong.



Teachers stand together

Trillium Lakelands District School Board teachers formed a picket line along the roads leading to J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School and Stuart Baker Elementary School on Thursday morning, Dec. 13. There were close to 60 picketers from Stuart Baker Elementary School and Wilberforce Elementary School, including nine Wilberforce Elementary School and Cardiff Elementary School teachers, and designated an early childhood educator, student teacher and occasional teachers. This was part of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario's action of rotating strikes throughout the province to protest Bill 115. Photos by Darren Lum

Remembering the importance of family

To the Editor,

I just wanted to say thank you for the fun Scrabble Junior game that my daughter Avery won in your colouring contest!

She was so thrilled, and even her younger brother was excited because even though he didn't win, he gets to enjoy the prize too!

Especially in light of what's been on the news this week-end, this prize gave us the reason to have a family game night

together.

As hurting as all parents are over what happened in Newtown, it was a much-needed time to enjoy our children and listen to them laugh.

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PCs talk trade reform in construction industry

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

If put in office, the Ontario Progressive Conservatives would abolish the Ontario College of Trades and repeal changes by Ontario's Workplace Safety and Insurance Board that are to come into effect in the New Year.

That was the pledge from Simcoe North MPP and PC critic for skilled trades and apprenticeship reform Garfield Dunlop when he met with members of the Haliburton County Homebuilders Association on Dec. 11 in the conference room at Emmerson Lumber.

"They haven't told you the College of Trades is coming in January," said Dunlop, who criticized a lack of stories on the subject by the media, particularly by the *Toronto Star*, which he classified as "basically a liberal paper."

Created by the McGuinty government in 2009, the college regulates skilled trades in the province and was designed to set training standards, conduct research on and promote the skilled trades.

Starting in 2013, compulsory membership fees will extend to the 157 skilled trades in the province, with annual fees for apprentices and tradespeople set at \$60 and for journeymen and company owners at \$120.

The college has also set a required journeyman-to-apprentice ratio at three-to-one.

This is something many attendees felt was limiting opportunities for young apprentices and also making it difficult for them to hire enough apprentice-level labour during the summer months.

Other provinces have a journeyman-apprentice ratio of one-to-one, which is what the PCs are promising to implement in the province.

WSIB changes will increase the number of people within the construction industry who will require insurance, with premiums based on what type of work the individual performs and how much they make.

The rate increases up to a cap of \$80,000.



Simcoe North MPP and PC skilled labour critic Garfield Dunlop met with members of the Haliburton County Homebuilders' Association last week. Garfield pledged that if put into office, the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party would abolish the Ontario College of Trades and repeal changes by Ontario's Workplace Safety and Insurance Board.

Chad Ingram Staff

There were also concerns expressed about Tarion, a private company responsible for administering the Ontario New Home Warranties Act.

"They're basically driving the small builder out of business," said Emmerson Lumber owner Kim Emmerson.

Gary Burtch of G.J. Burtch Construction said the corporation requires a \$5,000 deposit for security per building.

"They don't understand what it's like up here in Haliburton in February," he said.

"You can't be a registered builder because if we have to sue you, you have nothing," chimed in Derek Beachli.

Dunlop encouraged the 20 or so attendees to help get the word out, whether by writing the premier's office or telling their local bartender.

The meeting commenced at 5 p.m. with media invited to attend at 6.

Highlands East hoping to develop two sites for solar power

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The municipality of Highlands East has their sights set on two potential properties for solar power development.

On Dec. 11 members of council discussed the feasibility of using the former Bicroft Uranium Mine property and the Glamorgan landfill, which are no longer in use.

A delegation was made to council by Mike Lord and Ron MacLean of Gilead Power Corp., the company the municipality selected to investigate solar mount projects.



We wouldn't invest in a project if we weren't confident it would move forward.

— Mike Lord
Gilead Power Corp.

Lord and MacLean presented preliminary financial information to councillors, including cost estimates and projected completion dates.

Going forward one of the decisions council would have to make is how much money the municipality would be investing into the project, said chief administrative officer Sharon Stoughton-Craig.

"We only have so much borrowing power," she said.

It would take approximately \$150,000 to get to the application stage of the project, said MacLean.

"We wouldn't invest in a project if we weren't confident it would move forward," said Lord.

MacLean didn't anticipate project approval to come from the province until a few months into 2013, with the current proroguing of government.

Another important factor would be for the municipality to decide if they were going to enter into a lease agreement or partnership with Gilead.

"The partnership agreement is essentially an opportunity for the municipality to enter into a partnership with Gilead where they take an ownership stake in the project," Lord told the paper.

If this option is chosen by the municipality, a company would be created and owned by both partners, said Lord.

"A lease agreement is essentially a payment from the company that would be created, whether it's a partnership with or without the municipality. That company would

lease the land from the municipality ... for a 20-year period. And there would be an annual payment to the municipality during the pre-operating period and the operating period," he said.

Either way the corporation would need to have a commitment from council that the potential properties were available.

A resolution was proposed to move forward on the two properties without committing to what type of application council would be submitting.

Council unanimously passed a resolution to enter into an option to lease agreement with Gilead Power Corp. for two properties with the intent to enter into a lease or partnership with Gilead.

Costs for the project at this point are difficult to determine, said Lord.

The total capital cost is projected at \$12.3 million. Depending on how the municipality wants to pursue the project would affect costs.

"Typically projects are financed 75 per cent debt and 25 per cent equity. So the municipality, if they wanted to participate as equal partners at 50 per cent, then they would need to invest around \$1.5 million in equity," said Lord.

The projected completion date for the project is 2014. The matter will be brought forth for public input in the New Year.

Santa visits Wilberforce

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The Wilberforce Santa Claus Parade drew close to 100 people despite the rain and the bone-chilling wind. It included activities, a visit and photo with Santa, treats and food at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre in Wilberforce on Sunday, Dec. 16. It was a

concerted effort by Councillor Joan Barton, who organized the parade, the Highlands East Fire Department, the Highlands East Skating Club, Jodi Rupnow and the entire community who contributed to the Wilberforce Santa Fund, which helped purchase close to 100 gifts for newborns to 10-year-olds. Funds are collected through collection jars around the community, local businesses and service organizations.



The float by the Pinegrove Point campground goes by during the Wilberforce Santa Claus Parade on Sunday, Dec. 16. The rain and cool temperatures didn't dampen the spirit of the day. The parade was organized by Councillor Joan Barton.



Darren Lum Staff

A child reacts after getting something during the parade. The event included a post-parade gathering with Santa, gifts, treats, food and activities at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre in Wilberforce. The event was a community-driven initiative.



Santa's helper Jackie Wanninkhof of Wilberforce gives a child a gift at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre.



Five-year-old Paytra Goulet of Wilberforce ponders her crayon choices at the drawing table during the post-Wilberforce Santa Claus Parade at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre in Wilberforce on Sunday, Dec. 16. The event included a visit and photo with Santa, gifts and treats for close to 100 children aged from newborns to 10-year-old, and food by the Wilberforce Skating Club. Gifts were purchased from the Wilberforce Santa Fund.



Six-year-old Taylor Consack, right, of Haliburton speaks with Santa Claus following the Wilberforce Santa Claus Parade at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 16. Taylor and close to 100 children received gifts and treats through the Wilberforce Santa Fund. The Highland East Fire Department facilitated Santa's visit.



Christmas at the 'post

Friends gather at the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost on Dec. 11 for the annual Christmas open house. The afternoon event included refreshments and fellowship. The building was showered with Christmas decorations, including a tree cut down in town.

Angelica Blenich Staff

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*Happy Holidays from the staff
at the Haliburton Echo*

Chamber of commerce seeks funding from county

➤ Organization hopes to create integrated business development framework

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce wants to create an integrated business development framework in the county and wants to act as its hub.

Chamber president Eric Thompson and director Peter Brady pitched the idea to Haliburton County councillors at their Dec. 12 meeting.

Entitled "First Stop Haliburton," their presentation focused on the need of a collaborative model to attract and retain more businesses in the Highlands.

The idea is to bring businesses, the local municipal governments and the chamber together, with the latter car-

rying out duties such as collecting, storing and analysing countywide business information, conducting surveys and reports, taking online business inventories and co-ordinating a targeted marketing campaign.

That campaign, which would be aimed largely at small business owners from Ottawa and the GTA, would sell the idea "from desk to dock in five minutes."

"Each new business and each new family is a county asset," said Brady, who added he knew of some young, biotechnology entrepreneurs looking for the kind of lifestyle the Highlands has to offer.

Brady and Thompson stressed that more businesses mean more jobs which mean more growth which means a larger tax base for the county.

The plan would require an agreement between the stakeholders and the chamber would need new software, hardware and likely additional staff or specialized contractors.

The chamber is looking to the county for funding of about \$50,000 a year for the first two years, as well as \$35,000 from the Haliburton County Development Corporation and \$10,000 from each of the lower-tier townships.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt wondered if

the project was meant as a follow up to a business retention and expansion study previously completed by the chamber.

Brady responded that some pieces of that study have been pulled and will be used.

"How much is the chamber putting in as a partner?" Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey asked.

Brady said the chamber would be providing resources.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen wanted to know what would happen if the chamber received funding from some lower-tier townships, but not others.

"How do you address that, when each partner is being asked to put in an equal share?" Danielsen asked, adding that most businesses seemed to gravitate to the county's largest centres of Minden or Haliburton Village.

"I don't agree with you that it's Minden or Haliburton that's the choice," Brady said. "They want to live in the fresh air in the forest."

The request will be deferred to the county's 2013 budget deliberations.

County aims for 2 per cent tax increase in 2013

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The county will be aiming to cap a tax levy increase for 2013 at two per cent.

"I'm fairly confident we can get to that two per cent plus growth," treasurer Laura Janke said at a Dec. 12 county council meeting, as she gave councillors an overview of the county's finances.

Department heads have been working on their draft budgets for months and council will get to work finalizing the 2013 budget in the New Year.

Janke is suggesting the county needs to collect \$12.5 million in tax dollars for the upcoming year, up from the total levy of \$12.1 million in 2012.

It should be noted that is not the amount of the total budget, just the amount collected from taxpayers.

The total budget for 2012 was approximately \$18.5 million.

The county's reserves are sitting at \$3.6 million, up from about \$1.5 million in 2006.

Much of that came from rural infrastructure funding the municipality received in and around 2008.

"We took a huge jump," Janke said.

The county is going to have a surplus in its social services and housing line for this year, with caseloads down about four per cent.

That should amount to surplus in the neighbourhood of \$50,000.

While there will be a dip of about \$80,000 in Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund money, Janke said the county could have lost much more than that.

In recent years, it has lost some \$2.5 million in equalization funds from the province.

The end of the year marks the final payment of a short-term loan and for the first time in a decade, Haliburton County will be debt-free.

Janke said its next major expense will be the construction of a new EMS building on the old Walker's Auto Repair property in Minden.

The county did not get approved for grants from the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund for projects including a new lift for the county office and work on the Rail Trail.

Department heads will present councillors with their draft budgets on Jan. 9.

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Clockwise, left, JDHES students Noelle Dupret-Smith, left, as Little Red Riding Hood, holds Emily Parish, as Little Black Riding Hood; Eric Wooten, left, Sam Longo and Trevor Turner, as Disney princesses speak with Emily Klose, as Judith; Mia Quigley, front left, as Blanche Noir, makes her entrance to Claire Karaguesian, as Mr. Ours; Madeline Hopkins, left, as the show's lead Lili; and Alec Stoughton, as Blanche Neige (Snow White). Photos by D.L.



The play's the thing

Kimberly Venezia
Special to the Echo

The play *Lily and the Return to the Enchanted Forest* is a fractured fairy tale, made up of characters from famous fairy tales or movies, but with twists, as in extra characters (Little Red Riding Hood and Little Black Riding Hood) changed names (Tweedle Dumb and Tweedle Dumber), unexpected behaviour (Snow White is mean).

The story is about a Grade 7 girl, Lili, who hosts a pajama party for the most popular

girl in school, Judith.

Judith makes fun of everyone and rips Lili's stuffed animal, Mr. Ours. They wake up in an enchanted forest (where Mr. Ours is no longer stuffed, but walking and talking), meet characters from different stories, and have to learn some lessons about how to treat people before making it back home.

The play's underlying message is to be true to yourself. Don't act how you think someone else wants you to.

This is a sequel to the *Lily and the Enchanted Forest*, which was performed last year.

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'Things are progressing well,' developer says

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The restaurant, which would sit on a county road, would have to meet certain criteria put forth by the Haliburton County roads department.

The county has prepared a draft site plan agreement with the company, said county roads superintendent Doug Ray.

The agreement asks for many stipulations to be met, including left and right turning lanes and paved shoulders at the entrance to the development.

According to Ray, the lane changes and additions would cost the company \$120,000. The lane work is an estimate at this point.

"We've had some discussion over the phone about the agreement and ironed out some minor details," said Ray.

"Tim Hortons is looking at the agreement now and I suppose they are in the process of costing out those things we are asking for and I suspect they will be getting back to us shortly if they want to go ahead with the project," said Ray.

The county is also waiting for a cost estimate from Bell to move lines back, since the agreement includes a property widening.

"We haven't got that yet, part of the agreement will include the cost of building the new lanes and if we have to move the lines back as a result of the new lanes then there will be a cost there as well," said Ray.

A representative from the company confirmed the development was moving forward, but could not confirm when the site plan would be approved.

The company was anticipating construction to take place in the spring.

Jerry Walker, owner of the property for the proposed restaurant, said the construction has been turned over by Tim Hortons to a private developer.

"The whole thing is going ahead and their planned opening is the first of June," said Walker.

The construction portion should take a total of 12 weeks, which means the site preparation would take place sometime early 2013, according to Walker.

To date the property had not been officially bought by Tim Hortons, which Walker anticipated would happen sometime this month.

While hesitant to give out details about the proposed Tim Hortons, developer Jamie Chisholm of New Urban Detail confirmed he was in talks with the municipality about building a restaurant in Haliburton.

"Things are progressing well and we're hoping we can make an announcement very soon," said Chisholm, a local cottager.

Chisholm's company has been involved in commercial and retail development since 1987, with many projects in Ontario.

Dysart et al council approved changing the zoning on the proposed property for the restaurant from suburban residential to highway commercial at a special meeting held

on Aug. 7.

The change in zoning permits the developers to construct a drive-through, 24-hour Tim Hortons restaurant, complete with a patio and Cold Stone Creamery.

The project has been ongoing for a couple of years, with interest in Walker's property first expressed by Tim Hortons in March of 2011.

"If everything goes according to plan next June 2 or 3 you should be able to stop and have a coffee," said Walker.

While there are still discussions around roads work, Tim Hortons says plans are moving forward for Haliburton location. /File photo





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Happy holidays from the Echo

Trent Severn Waterway's shrinking budget leads to layoffs

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

There have been more layoffs at the Trent Severn Waterway and the government has announced the waterway will have reduced hours for 2013.

Parks Canada, which oversees canal operations, has informed 23 TSW staff they are being "surplussed" - laid off. Seven will have their season shortened and 75 were told they will be keeping their jobs.

That brings the total number of "surplussed" positions at the TSW to 34, including former superintendent Dawn Bronson, as Parks Canada attempts to deal with a \$30 million reduction in its budget, \$3.5 million from the waterway.

"The front-line canal employees could only be notified of their status once next year's navigation schedule was finalized and the analysis of the resulting changes was complete," media relations officer Genevieve Patenaude wrote

in an email. Chris Riddle, co-chairman of the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow, which is concerned primarily with flow rates within the TSW and its feeder bodies, said his organization understands the need for budget restraint within the system.

"The amount of traffic on the canal basically makes no difference in terms of the water required," Riddle said.

His concern was how many of the affected staff members worked in water management.

"None of the positions that have been declared surplus were primarily focused on water management," Patenaude wrote. "Of the 34 positions eliminated, 18 did include some water management work as part of their overall duties and these responsibilities will be redistributed to ensure that we are still meeting our water management obligations."

Many of the affected positions were lock and bridge operators.

The waterway will operate from the Victoria Day weekend through Thanksgiving as usual, but with reduced hours.

Until June 20, it will be open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Friday through Sunday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

From June 20 until Labour Day, the canal will operate from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

From Labour Day until Thanksgiving, the canal will be open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

The paper asked if any of the few seasonal and permanent employees who work primarily in Haliburton County are being affected.

"In accordance with agency policies and to maintain employee confidentiality, Parks Canada does not discuss individual staffing matters and, as such, will not be identifying team members," Patenaude wrote.

As part of the cutbacks at Parks Canada, the governance structures of the TSW and Rideau Canal were merged in the fall. Throughout the county, Parks Canada is eliminating some 640 positions.



Card carrying smilers

The Canasta Red Hat Ladies Ila Griffin, left back, Marj Hamilton, Lottie Ruttan, Belle Walker and Evelyn Griffin were all smiles showing off their red cowboy hats at a Christmas exchange gift lunch at the Win Yeung Chinese Restaurant in Haliburton on Friday, Dec. 14. The ladies, who are all over 80, will celebrate their 11th year together.

Darren Lum Staff

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Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The following are a brief report of items discussed at the Dec. 11 meeting of Highlands East council.

Although council supported a blanket resolution supporting solar power projects back in August, the municipality denied a request from Renewable Environmental Energy Services for support of a revised resolution.

In a recorded vote, the resolution was denied by councillors Joan Barton and Cec Ryall, and supported by Councillor Steve Kauffeldt and Reeve Dave Burton. Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge was not in attendance.

The 2-2 vote meant the resolution was defeated.

The request from REES indicated the term “without reservation” has been removed from the original resolution passed by council. According to REES rural residential lands are allowed under the feed-in-tariff 2.0 program.

If approved the resolution would have

applied to 11 private projects being developed by REES in Highlands East.

Councillors Barton and Ryall indicated they still cannot lend their support to a project without reviewing site plans.

Support from council earns projects points from the Ontario Power Authority.

Solar projects can still move forward without a resolution from the municipality.

Residents concerned about clear-cutting of trees

A public meeting regarding the rezoning of the property for the proposed library development saw some concern about the removal of trees.

At a special meeting of council on Nov. 19, council approved the construction of a sustainable library to be built on municipal land in Wilberforce.

The municipality would need to amend the zoning for the property from residential to institutional in order for the library to be built.

Highlands East resident Janis Cole

inquired as to why trees on the property had been clear-cut right up to the property line.

Cole said she had been asked about this by affected neighbours.

Councillor Kauffeldt said it was part of the site preparation and that landscaping will be done on the property once the building is complete.

“I know it’s hard to see an empty lot,” he said.

Barton said the municipality was preparing the lot to allow construction to start in the early spring.

Burton said he had spoken to some of the neighbours about the plans for the property.

Kauffeldt said in the past the property has been the site of loitering and underage drinking.

“Being so close to the school, kids were using the area as a hideout, which is not what we want at all,” he said.

Mike Hewer, whose property abuts the land, said the removal of trees had resulted in his fence being knocked down.

While the municipality said they would fix it, the fence had just been propped up instead, said Hewer.

“We will work with you on the fence,” said Burton.

Cole said it would be better if the municipality spoke to neighbours about their plans.

“You really need to help people know what’s going on,” she said.

Barton said it was too early to know what the landscaping for the property would entail, as plans were vague at this point.

“We have had to move a lot more quickly than usual because of the partnership with Fleming College,” she said.

Burton said once the municipality had drawings of the building he would like to host an open house.

Hewer inquired if the zoning change would affect his property, to which council said it wouldn’t.

Kauffeldt apologized for the concern and said it was never his intention to ruffle so many feathers and he was simply trying to fix something previous councils had ignored.

“Public consultation goes a long way,” said Cole.

The resolution to change the zoning was carried.

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Donald Murdoch, who performed some original music, of the Victoria Secrets sings at the Carl Dixon's Christmas Variety Show.



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Harry Morgan, left, Carl Dixon and Luke Schell perform *Here We Come a Wassailing* at the Carl Dixon's second annual Christmas Variety Show at the McKecks Tap and Grill in Haliburton on Friday, Dec. 14. The event helped to raise money and toys for the 4Cs.



Haliburton's Jocelyn Regina was one of several musical guests.

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Brian Menton of the Haliburton Rotary Club, left, stands with winning gingerbread designer Heather Cole of Haliburton Shoppers Drug Mart and Steve Todd of Todd's Independent in the Haliburton grocery store Dec. 14. Over the last week, shoppers were asked to vote for their favourite gingerbread house made by local businesses and on display in the lobby of Todd's. Cole's creation received the most votes followed closely by McTeague Electric and Smolen Dentistry. The project is a community-building exercise run by the Rotary Club every year. Cole says her intricate design (including tiny bananas hanging from the handmade palm trees) came from lots of practice. One of her hobbies is creating edible artwork. There were 744 votes this year.

Jenn Watt Staff

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Open house, open hearts

Clockwise, from above, Angie Richardson of VON is shown a Memories for Life album (highlighting his wife Dolores Cartmill) by drop-in guest Barry Butler of Carnarvon; there was laughter and smiles for everyone; Ethel Cook smiles wearing a Christmas hat that moves at the Alzheimer's Society and VON Adult Day Program of Haliburton Christmas Open House at the Haliburton United Church from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 12. The Adult Day Program, which provides socialization opportunities and development of cognitive skills, offers foot care to its clients for \$10 (normally \$37 at community care clinics) from RPN Laurie Slavish. It is free to veterans and also offered at a reduced rate. Call for further details on the weekly offering at 705-286-6031. **Darren Lum Staff**



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Perfect orange cranberry biscotti

By Tracey Green

Tracey Green is the woman behind Momma G's Teas on Haliburton's Highland Street across from the cenotaph. "Here is a recipe for a yummy Cranberry Orange Biscotti that we love for Christmas giving. They keep for weeks in an air tight container and are perfect for gift giving to the coffee lover!" Green says. Momma G's is known for its baked

goods, vast array of teas and incredible view of Head Lake.

- ½ cup butter
- ¾ cup white sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tablespoon orange zest
- 2 tablespoons pure orange juice
- 2 ¼ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 ½ teaspoons baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 ½ teaspoons ground cinnamon
- ¼ cup chopped dried cranberries

¾ cup toasted and chopped almonds
Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. In a medium bowl, cream together the butter and sugar. Beat in egg. Stir in the orange zest and orange juice. Sift together the flour, baking powder, salt and cinnamon, stir into the creamed mixture, then stir in the almonds and dried cranberries.
3. On a lightly floured surface, divide the dough in half. Roll each half into a log about 1 ½ inches wide and 10

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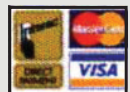
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All I want for Christmas

By Steve Galea

I'm pretty sure that just about everyone has heard the song *All I want for Christmas*. But I'm not so sure anyone has given that song as much thought as I have.

Every time I hear it, my imagination runs amok.

You see, if you think about it, the perspective changes with the age of the singer.

If you imagine the singer is a 4-year-old who is losing baby teeth, it's very cute.

If you imagine the singer is a hockey player in the midst of a three-game suspension, not so much.

It seems to me just about everything regarding the Christmas season can be viewed in that same way. Having a jolly red elf slide down your chimney with gifts is an exciting image if you are a child. Adults, on the other hand, envision nothing but law suits when Santa loses his footing and slips off an icy roof. It could happen. And it's just one reason why I leave a liability waiver right next to the milk and cookies.

In a way that sums up the holiday season nicely.

When you are young, Christmas presents no worries.

When you are older, it presents quite a few.

You worry whether the gifts you bought are worthy of the ones you love. You worry about how you are going to pay for them. You worry about finding the time to visit all those people you ought to visit. You worry about what the weather is

going to be like on the drive there and back. You worry that you won't be able to co-ordinate visits so that you see everyone you wish you could see. You worry that you left the oven on, that a power outage will occur when you are gone freezing your pipes; you worry your pets will be overly troublesome for the people taking care of them. But mostly you worry that all these worries are a sure sign you have forgotten the spirit of the season.

At times like this, I try to step back and remember what it was like all those years ago when I didn't have a worry in the world. I recall how the season always began with the excitement that came from browsing through Christmas catalogues and looking at all the things you'd never have and some of the things you somehow would. Then there was the comfort gained by sitting in pajamas and watching the same Christmas specials year after year.

That was followed by a feeling of awe brought on by all those lights that sparkled and shone, only because Dad had the superhuman patience to untangle them and find the bad bulb. And it's not hard to remember how it felt to stand near a tree adorned in beautiful glass balls, which the cat would soon kill, and too much tinsel. Or the smiles each beautifully wrapped present below it would bring.

There was the fascination with the nativity scene too, and more than a bit of envy that Jesus was actually able to say to his mother, "Yes, as a matter of fact, I was born in a barn."

And there was the build up to that special day along with the giddiness that accompanied not being able to sleep on Christmas Eve. And the once-a-year immunity that protected you after you woke up your parents at 5 a.m. to open presents and to show them the note from Santa and an empty cookie plate. There was Christmas dinner and sentimental phone calls from those unable to attend.

There are a thousand random memories, some clear and some embellished, each of us gathers throughout a lifetime of Christmases. Many are filled with great joy and others with sadness because of circumstance or the realization another loved one is no longer with us to celebrate. Each marks the passing of our lives.

And whether you believe in the Christmas story or not, one thing is clear to me at least. When you unwrap the holiday; when you remove the bows and ribbons and bright paper so you can actually lift the lid and look wide-eyed for the first time at the true gift it is, you have to admit it is a wonderful tradition.

Not because of the glitz and gifts, not because of the lights, food and snow; not because of the time off or even the heart-warming story the day represents, but because of the people around you, and the efforts and the love they put into making it a special day.

All I want for Christmas is to always remember this.

Although another ice fishing rod wouldn't hurt either.

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inches long. Set the rolls lengthwise on a baking sheet at least three inches apart, and flatten slightly.

4. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes in the preheated oven, until firm to the touch and slightly brown on the top.

5. Cool for 10 to 15 minutes, then slice each log crosswise, at a diagonal, into 1/2 inch wide slices. Lay them cut side down on the baking sheet and return to the oven for 10 minutes, turn them over and bake for 10 more minutes.

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Cool on wire racks, store in an airtight container. These keep for over a month.

6. You can also melt three squares of white or semi sweet baking chocolate and drizzle over the biscotti to finish them off with a flourish!

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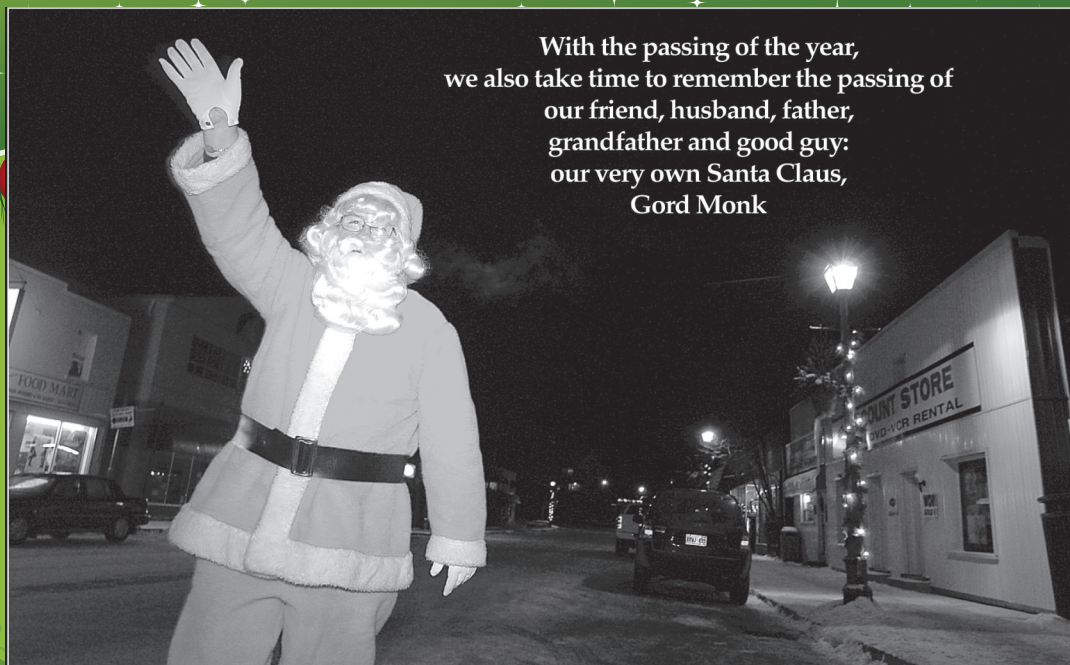
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By Darren Lum

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Rooted in passion and an indescribable love of art, Eves brings happiness to everything she creates for the annual Christmas Craft Sale at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre in Wilberforce.

Although there are just a few hundred items at her vendor's table, it's easy to know they are hers when you speak to her for a few minutes.

Standing with her dutiful sales sidekick and daughter-in-law Mary Dunne, who takes time from her presidential duties as the leader of the Wilberforce Royal Canadian Legion, Eves laughs about how the expected sales increase with Dunne has not materialized.

Since cancer took the use of one eye,

Eves copes. A painter for nearly her entire life, she has resorted to stencils (some she has produced herself before the cancer) to assist with details and faces in the ornaments and assorted Christmas figurines she sells.

Many are a throwback to the animation of the 1950s cartoons shown before feature movies.

In some ways Eves is a throwback herself with a welcoming smile and a work ethic rooted in passion for doing what she loves.

Darren Lum Staff

Wilberforce resident Betty Eves, closest, stands holding one of her Christmas creations with daughter-in-law and her sidekick Mary Dunne at the 28th annual Christmas Craft Sale at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre earlier this year. Eves loves making Christmas ornaments.



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The stars shone down on every tree
That grew there in the wood -
A stately pine, an old yew,
A willow and an oak.
But there, right beside him,
As plain as he could see,
Every star of Heaven reflected,
In that one little tree.

So Martin brought the spruce tree home
To show to all his children,
And told them of the miracle he had seen.
He fixed up lighted candles to represent
the stars,
And invited friends around to see the sight.
Then with wonderment and thankfulness
They went into the woods,
To bring their own tree home that winter
night.

Soon every family had a tree
With candles to adorn,
And on that distant Christmas Eve,
The Christmas tree was born.

*This poem is based on the apocryphal story
that Martin Luther was said to have intro-*

*duced the tradition of the spruce tree as an
icon of Christmas.*

*Alex Hamilton-Brown is a Bancroft-based
poet. His poem "Lakeside Morning" won
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A sweet start to the season

By Jenn Watt

Gingerbread houses greeted customers at Todd's Independent grocery store throughout the week of Dec. 10.

Decorations ranged from traditional to exotic as staff at various local businesses showed off their creativity in frosting and candy.

The Haliburton Rotary Club purchased the gingerbread houses as a fun community activity.

Customers were asked to vote for their favourite for a chance to take one home.



*Wishing you a very
Merry Christmas
and a safe &
Happy New Year...*



*Wade, Jane
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Top row, gingerbread houses created by Cordell Carpet and Bonnie View Inn.

Middle row, Todd's Independent, Smolen Dentistry and Fleming College got creative.

Right, V&S Department Store included candy cane trees.

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December 24th

7:00 PM Children & Family Christmas

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December 25th

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December 24th

5:00 PM Children's

Christmas Mass & Pageant

December 24th

9:00 PM Christmas Midnight Mass

December 25th

10:30 AM Christmas Day Mass

December 31st

5:00 PM Feast of Mary Mother of God

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Dedicated decorator loves Christmas

By Darren Lum

Joyce Bowman of Wilberforce is unapologetic about her love for seasonal decorating, and everything crafts, for that matter.

When your home is transformed into a Christmas wonderland it's apparent you have a passion for Christmas.

A few weeks before the big day is needed for swapping out the china to showcase an entire miniature town decorating several Christmas trees with hundreds of ornaments and assorted seasonal items including some 20 nutcrackers of every size and shape.

Close to 30 years ago, when she moved to Wilberforce from the city with her husband Mark she learned firsthand how long winters can be.

With her sister Cindy down the road, running the gas station, they developed a love of crafts to get through the winter.

Crafting with her sister and friends helped pass the winter for the self-admitted shopaholic.

They started the Christmas Craft Sale in Wilberforce. It has been held annually for the past 28 years in Wilberforce. That first year there were just four people. At its height, the event boasted 45 vendors, she said.

Bowman cannot imagine a life without making her own ornaments or cross-stitching pillows and assorted items (some to sell and others to give to family and friends) let alone organizing and leading the Christmas Craft Sale during the late autumn.

"I wouldn't want to give it up. I enjoy it. Thoroughly enjoy it," she said.

With close to three decades, Bowman is proud of the event's longevity and the opportunity it gives her.

"It's an accomplishment. It's fun to do. Like I said, a lot of really neat people do crafts," she said. "It's to see people. We've seen people come from day one so you only get to see them once a year unless you run into them at other sales. That's always fun."

Many of the vendors had their children help over the years. It was a like a small family get-together at the annual event. So many years have elapsed that many of the children have grown up and moved on.

Her three boys are on their own, starting new lives with girlfriends. She sees Christmas as one of a few occasions when



Darren Lum Staff

Wilberforce resident Joyce Bowman loves Christmas and how it brings her family together.

everyone comes together, including her truck driving husband.

"I love Christmas. It is my favourite time of the year. I decorate for Easter, Thanksgiving. I decorate for every season," she said. "[It's my favourite] because I think all the family is here. You've got everybody home. My husband is home. That's a plus."

Christmas is an opportunity to bring people together. Bowman counted 17 people at her home once with 12 seated for

dinner.

"We never want to see anyone alone on Christmas that's why we have friends over," she said.

On Christmas, in honour of her dad, originally from Nova Scotia, a seafood dinner is held on Christmas Eve with Bowman's homemade clam chowder as a key dish.

The recipe has been passed down through the family, used by her mother and her aunts.

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For the large number of Christmas pieces she has in her collection she prizes her Christmas "shoe tree."

"My husband thinks it's funny. He always tells people I have a tree in the bedroom that has shoes all over it," she said.

It's adorned with an assortment of ladies' shoe ornaments. Some are high-heels, glittering and bright purple – her favourite colour.

"Anyone that knows me knows I love purple. I love shoes. I love purses," she said, giggling. "It's fun when everyone else gets involved."

She started about four years ago. Ever since then friends have helped her, buying her shoe ornaments.

Bowman figures there have been up to 35 shoe ornaments on her tree.

"It started as a joke," she said, adding it takes close to two days to complete.

By Christmas Day the entire house, in and out, is a veritable Christmas workshop. It takes about two to three weeks to decorate her country home at the end of a snowy laneway. Bowman and her husband are meticulous with each and every decoration, returning them to their original boxes. It adds to the time needed to decorate, but is worth it to preserve everything.

Every year her sons stay true to their own traditions of bringing out their "Theodore" bears purchased from Sears when they were boys.

"Now that they are older men they still get excited," she said, smiling like the proud parent who has passed on an heirloom.

For all the work and effort Bowman cannot imagine an end to the crafts or the seasonal decorating. She loves the tradition. With her three boys all grown up she has even more time to dedicate to crafts and the special seasons so close to her heart.

"My husband keeps saying, 'I think we have enough Christmas now.' I go, 'Nah, you can never have too much Christmas,' she said, adding he enjoys it as much as she does.



Above, Wilberforce resident Joyce Bowman's entire dining room cabinet is cleaned out and transformed into a visual display of Christmas.



Right, Wilberforce resident Joyce Bowman's nutcrackers. Bowman and her sister started the annual Christmas Craft Sale in Wilberforce.

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An act of kindness every day in Head Lake Park

By Angelica Blenich

She walks with a hunch, bags in hand and walking stick at the ready.

Upon spotting a piece of garbage she slowly makes her way to the wrapper, bends over and puts it in her empty shopping bag.

This is her routine, every day during the warmer months of the year, sometimes twice a day.

Just four months shy of her 90th birthday, Elva Heard has been collecting litter in Head Lake Park since moving to Park Lane apartments five years ago.

Born and raised in Haliburton County, Heard volunteers her time out of the goodness of her heart, not wanting to see trash splayed across the shores of Head Lake.

For Heard the desire to make the park a cleaner space comes from an appreciation of its beauty.

"I worked for 28 years in an abrasive factory in Niagara Falls; it was dusty and dirty. Coming back here to the peace and quiet of Haliburton, and the lake which I love, there's no reason for people to throw garbage here," said Heard.

"It's such a beautiful park that the Lord gave us, I love to see it clean."

Out for more than an hour on her route, Heard takes multiple stops along the way

to catch her breath and enjoy the scenery.

One of the most important resting points is at the post next to the fountain in the centre of the park.

This is Heard's prayer post, her most precious place in all of Haliburton.

It is here where she takes time to remember her family and friends in her prayers.

Born in Maple Lake, Heard moved to Eagle Lake in 1927, where she spent her childhood years.

She grew up with a strong sense of faith, imparted to her by her parents.

"In 1934 when Dad saw us growing up without any religious instruction he started teaching us out of the old schoolhouse, and that's how come we have our church today in Eagle Lake," she said.

Heard still attends Eagle Lake Community Church every Sunday.

Married to Lloyd in 1940, Heard has two sons, four grandchildren and six great grandchildren, whom she still sees regularly.

Heard is planning on celebrating her birthday next April with best friend Ev Stata, who will also be turning 90 in the same month, with birthdays just five days apart.

The pair will be having a joint party at

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Angelica Blenich Staff

Born and raised in Haliburton, Elva Heard has spent the past few years collecting garbage in Head Lake Park. At almost 90 years of age Heard, a resident of Park Lane apartments, collects two or three times a day when the weather is good.

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'We're one big family'

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Park Lane apartments.

"I'm the young chick, I love to tease her!" said Heard, who fondly enjoys living in the apartment complex.

"We're one big family there. We help one another and pray for another."

While health problems such as poor vision are start-

ing to slow Heard down, she won't stop making her daily trips to the park until her health will no longer allow her to.

A fan of Tim Hortons, she is hopeful once the restaurant is built their brown cups won't be too difficult for her to spot if thrown on the ground.

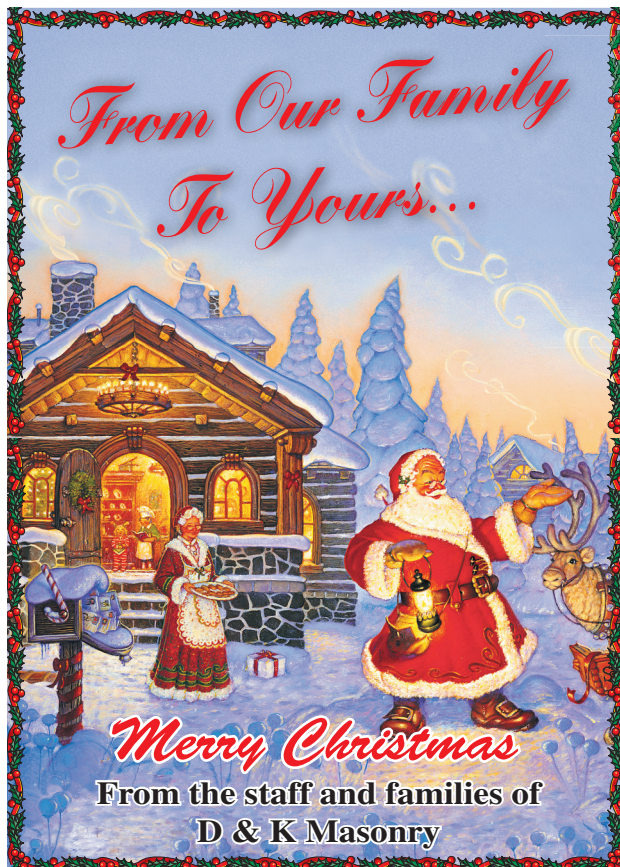
"Their cups are very hard for me to see so if [people] throw them out their windows the park workers will have

to get them because I can't see them."

Heard doesn't take all the credit for the park being spotless, insisting the Dysart et al municipal staff do a great job of keeping it clean.

Never having been recognized or acknowledged for her garbage collecting, Heard is confident that day will come.

"The Lord will reward me in Heaven."



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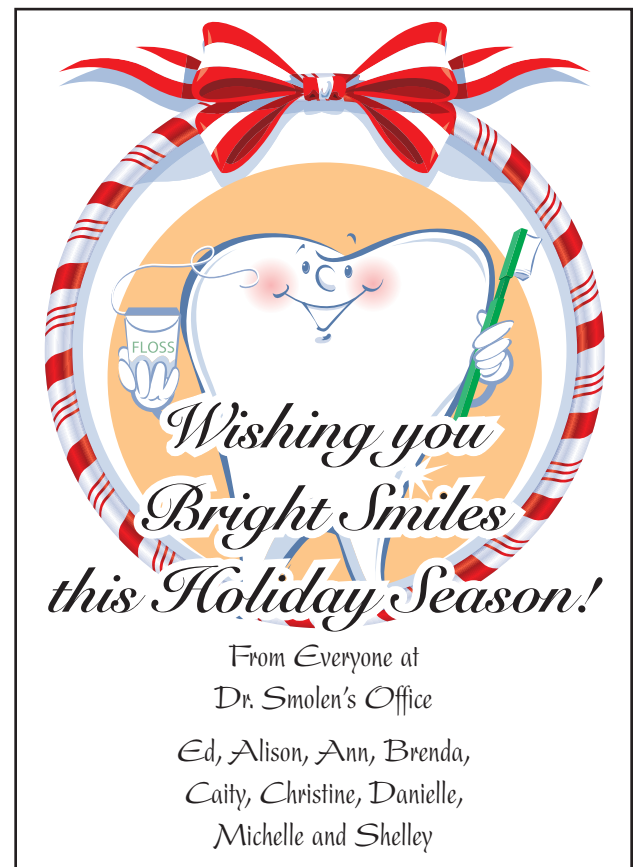
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Simple steps to make your own wreath

By Darren Lum

Anyone can make their own wreath, says Joanne Nichols of the Country Rose and Garden Centre.

Step 1: Purchase or gather materials

The first thing you need is a wire wreath frame. Nichols said a variety of wreath materials are needed. She recommends pine boughs, silver fir/balsam, cedar (Ontario or British Columbian), seeded eucalyptus, magnolia leaves and pittosporum. Any outside greens such as hemlock can also be considered.

Step 2: Cut these into six-inch lengths and bunch them into bouquets, hand-tying them with wire. These bouquets will be affixed to the frame. Note: 12 bouquets of greens are needed for a 16-inch wreath.

While attaching the bouquet of greens remember to fill gaps on the frame by overlapping. Add colour by affixing artificial indoor/outdoor berries. A "moist environment" is recommended to sustain the fresh wreath. Taking it indoors and then bringing it outside is discouraged.

Step 3: Add a bow (or pine cones) to finish the wreath.

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Making your own Christmas wreath offers a variety of choices and a fulfilling opportunity to decorate for the season. The Country Rose and Garden Centre provides a large selection of materials from plants to textiles.



Darren Lum Staff

Joanne Nichols of the Country Rose Garden Centre ties her bouquet of material (pine boughs, silver fir, cedar, eucalyptus, pittosporum and magolia leaves) to the wire frame for the wreath.

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Above, Joanne Nichols of the Country Rose Garden Centre folds her bow into the Christmas wreath as one of the final touches.



Artificial berries are inserted into the Christmas wreath as one of the final touches.



The finished Christmas wreath using the method outlined by Joanne Nichols of Country Rose Garden Centre hangs on a door.

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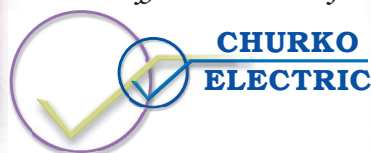
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Fireside stories

It's baaacck. You can feel it. You can see it. And you can sure smell it in the kitchens of anybody who owns an apron here in Lake Whaddyat-hinkI mean. Christmas is coming and we're all getting ready with the yummiest, most fattening sweet bits this side of the North Pole, don'tcha know.

Why if Vilma Yuccch isn't baking those over the moon French macaroons just like they do in Patee. I tasted them for the first time in a specialty shop when I was in Lost Angeleez last month and if ever I wished for something for Christmas, this is it! She even figured out how to make

the rose flavoured ones, my favourite. YUMMeeee!

Sybil Beaucannon Hughes is baking pumpkin chocolate chip bread drenched in coconut and cocoa bean drizzles. Just thinking about it put two pounds on my hips.

Yours truly is baking my Auntie Fester's TO LIVE FOR bread pudding with cherry sauce and real whipped cream. (Is your mouth watering yet? Mine is).

Why even Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom got into the act. He somehow got ahold of one of the last batches of Twinkies before the company went out of business and is making them into a Twinkie pyramid topped with candy cane shavings. Sweet heaven on earth!

Then there are folks who are getting into Christmas in other ways, like Beanpole Starkman. We're all trying to fatten him up 'cause he's going to be our Lake

WhaddythinkI mean Santa at the Legion's Christmas Eve Santa's Pancake Cook-off and we can't very well have those big red pants falling off of him, can we? After all, Beanpole is as skinny as his name.

Twindle Mumbly and Bogart (my pet bear) are practising a tap and top hat routine but won't let any of us see it yet. They want us to be as surprised as the kids they're going to perform it for on Christmas day. Oh, I haven't told you that part yet.

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There'll be exchanges of hats, mitts, boots, coats, you name it. Plus, homemade jams, jellies, all the sweet bits folks

are baking, mystery gifts for the kids, and the biggest potluck Lake W has ever seen.

Ol' Maybelle's going to tell Christmas stories to the kidney beans right beside the big ol' open fireplace at the curling club, don'tcha know. And I can hardly wait to see the little ones all dreamy-eyed going far far away in their imaginations where Santa's reindeer take them, knowing that when they return they'll be part of a Christmas they'll always remember.

I might even play my ukulele. Ahh, those lighthearted sounds always make ol' Maybelle smile. Sure. And I'll let the kidney beans strum a bit, too. Oh what fun it'll be. Fun, heart-warming ... and oh soooooo fattening, don'tcha know.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. "Maybelle's Cure for What Ails You," 21 of Maybelle's best short stories is now available at www.amazon.com.

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Strata your way through the holidays

By Molly McInerney

Stratas are one of the easiest things to make and is perfect for a crowd for breakfast, brunch or lunch. The best part is it can be made ahead then just pop it in the oven.

As long as you have eight cups of cubed bread, eight eggs, two cups of milk and two cups of grated cheese you can create dozens of meals.

The bread can be anything from white to pumpernickel even bagels or focaccia.

Here is a recipe for a traditional ham strata:

Ingredients:

8 cups of cubed bread

8 eggs

2 cups of milk

½ tsp salt and pepper

2 cups grated cheese (cheddar or any mixture you want)

2 tbl melted butter or margarine

1 cup chopped green onions

1 cup chopped red peppers

2 cups seeded chopped tomatoes or cherry tomatoes (cut in half)

2 cups cubed ham

Method:

In 11" x 13" pan pour melted butter, spread evenly.

Spread cubed bread in prepared dish.

Spread onions, red peppers, tomatoes and ham over bread.

In a large bowl combine eggs, milk salt and pepper.

Pour egg mixture evenly over layers in dish.

Scatter cheese evenly on top of dish.

Cover and chill for 2 to 24 hours.

Bake in a 350 degree oven uncovered for 45 to 50 minutes.

Let stand for 10 minutes before serving.

So here is where you can get creative. Substitute the cheese with anything you want from blue to brie.

Try some of these combinations: Smoked salmon, green onions, capers, chives and dill.

Chicken (cooked), asparagus and tarragon.

Sausages (cooked) artichoke hearts, green onions and thyme.

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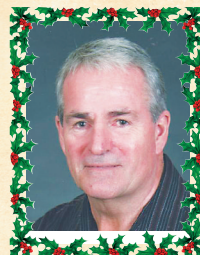
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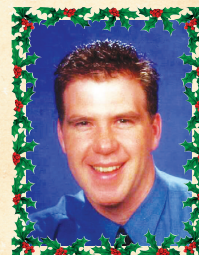
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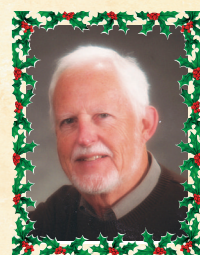
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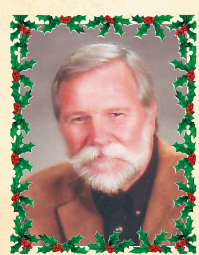
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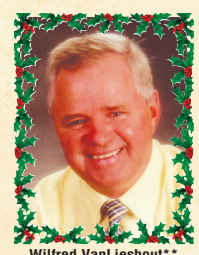
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Fleming students wrap it up

Darren Lum

Staff reporter

The Wrap it Up event drew hundreds of shoppers and art lovers.

It provides the students an opportunity to not only exhibit, but learn how to market and to interact with the public, includ-

ing exhibition setup. Unlike other education programs, these artists use this show and sale as "one day co-op."

The college will offer art workshops in a variety of disciplines on Saturday, April 27. The \$250 valued workshop costs \$150. Space is limited so call to register 1-866-353-6464 ext. 1664 or email awhalen@fleming.on.ca.



Fleming College student Shelly Quick sits knitting, as part of her installation Wedding Guest's Tale at the Wrap it Up: Fleming College Art Show and Sale at the Haliburton campus great hall on Saturday, Dec. 15. This show included 47 student exhibitors with more than 300 pieces representing the entire offering of the fall semester at the college. There was metal work, painting and drawing, photography, textiles, jewelry, mixed media and one installation work. Students learned to market and interact with potential clients and customers through the exhibition – some for the first time.

Darren Lum Staff



Fleming College student Sarah Gaby-Trotz wears one of her pieces for a customer.



A Fleming College student, left, shares a laugh with Haliburton resident Gwen Pennylegion, far right, at the Wrap it Up: Fleming College Art Show and Sale.

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Student receives funds

Cardiff teenager Madison Gates, centre, and her mother Jennifer Boone-Gates, right are presented with a \$500 donation by Carol Williams from the Cardiff Community Club to go towards Gates's gymnastics training. The high school student is currently competing for a spot at the provincial level. Submitted



Community initiatives

J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School student Kurtis Adams presented Christmas cards and played piano for the residents of Highland Wood in Haliburton earlier this month, as part of his effort with the Nobody project. His peers have each taken a week towards leading community initiatives. Submitted by Sandy Adams

Free advice on insurance

Charles Renny
QMI Agency

It is amazing and not unusual to find out that the insurance the company bragged about doesn't cover you for what happened. That is why insureye.com came into existence. Credit cards companies for example, all talk about how they have insurance coverage for auto damage on rentals and other things such as medical insurance.

One of the founders of insureye.com found out the hard way that he had to pay for a fender bender because the particular credit card he used, which he thought had insurance as part of the deal, didn't have any at all. Further exploration turned up plenty of inconsistencies in all fields of insurance although most of the "misunderstandings" were over automotive insurance.

Insureye.com is a free service that works to deliver insight and education on insurance. The consumer focus of this group is to show you how your insurance spending compares with your peers and to make you aware of the potential savings you can enjoy.

The following four of the "101 tips to save on insurance" come from the automotive insurance sector.

Tip number 17: Pay-as-you-drive: Some insurers will reduce your premium based on your driving profile. This may require a tracking device to be installed in your vehicle to substantiate your claims.

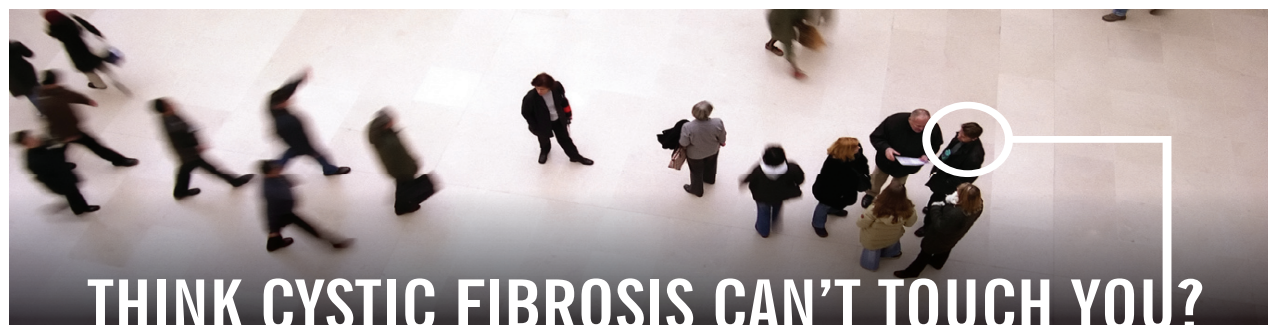
Tip number 29: The good Student: Having good marks can have unexpected benefits.

Tip number 39: Disabilities: Some insurers have discounts for drivers with disabilities, in some cases up to 25 per cent.

Tip number 40: Hybrid vehicles: Hybrid vehicles can often qualify for a discounted premium just because the vehicle is a hybrid. The discount is seldom advertised and is a case of if you don't ask, you won't get!

There are 97 more tips on the web site along with a lot more information about insurance. Good "free advice" is hard to come by these days, so this site is worth checking out.

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Foundation launches lottery

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Move over Princess Margaret Hospital. Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation has a lottery of its own, which launched Monday at the Minden HHHS site.

The Cash for Care Cash Lottery, a campaign by the HHHS Foundation, will give players a chance to win up to \$25,000.

“Your name, should it be drawn in any of the earlier draws . . . goes back into the draw,” said HHHSF board chairman Peter Oyler, explaining the rules.

There will be three early bird draws, on Feb. 14, March 16 and April 30, the first two for \$500 and the third for \$1,000.

The final draws for prizes of \$15,000,

\$5,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000 will take place May 18.

Oyler, who thanked board members Lisa Tompskins and Don Popple for helping foundation executive director Dale Walker and himself set up the campaign, said the foundation is hoping to raise \$35,000 with the lottery.

He also thanked Elly and Jim Malcomson, the first county residents to purchase tickets.

Tickets are \$25 each or five for \$100, with 4,000 available.

“They are a great Christmas gift,” Oyler said. “Thank you for coming, thank you for your support and good luck in the lotto.”

For tickets, call 705-457-1580, 705-286-1580 or visit foundation@hhhs.on.ca.

The foundation raises funds for equipment at the Minden and Haliburton hospital sites.



Chad Ingram Staff

Elly and Jim Malcomson were the first county residents to purchase tickets for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation's Cash for Care lotto. They are joined by board chairman Peter Oyler, left, and members Lisa Tompskins and Don Popple.



Give back this holiday season

As the days lengthen and snow covers the ground, we appreciate anew the importance of having a snug and affordable home. Places for People is asking people to consider making a donation this Christmas season to move them forward in their goal of making their Carnarvon rental property affordable for Haliburtonians. They will acknowledge your seasonal generosity with a specially created wooden memento, suitable to hang on your tree or in your window, or to use as a coaster, as well as a tax receipt. Submitted by Places for People

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Novices head to Huntsville

This past Wednesday, the Highland Storm Novice headed to Huntsville. The Otters got off to a good start scoring quickly in the first. The Storm got one on the board with an unassisted goal by Hunter Winder. The Otters kept playing strong, and just couldn't be held back. Colin Glecoff got another one for the Storm in the third. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough to win the game.

On Saturday we hosted the South Muskoka Bears, although it was one of our strongest showings of the year, lady luck was not on our side and we were shut out 2-0. A great effort by all.

On Sunday morning Team Duchene in the Novice division of the All Star game was represented by goaltender Damon Harriss, players Colin Glecoff, Nick Phippen, Ava Smith and Hunter Winder.

After three entertaining periods Team

Hodgson prevailed with a 5-2 win, with a strong showing by Highland Storm reps with great goal tending by Harriss, Phippen one goal, one assist, Glecoff 1 assist and strong defensive play by Smith and good hustle from Winder.

On Sunday evening, we headed back up to Huntsville. Again the Otters played a strong game, we went into the second period down five.

Nick Phippen puts us on the board early in the second.

The Storm picked up some steam going into the third, however it was not quite enough to win. Another outstanding game between the pipes for Damon Harriss and strong game defensively for Ava Smith.

Game ends 7-1.

Submitted by Trish Phippen

Storm plays strong

On Dec. 13, the Pepper Mill Atom A team hosted the Sturgeon Thunder in an exhibition game. After not playing a game in two weeks the boys came out strong. The first goal of the night coming midway through the first period was scored by Ryan Hall after a pass to the blue line by Zach Morissette during four-on-four play. Evenly matched, the boys continued to apply the pressure but the competition managed to sneak two past Dylan Keefer in net. Then with only five minutes remaining in the second Zach accepts a pass and skated up the ice, out skated the opposition and put it in the net which brought the score to two all. After a flood and a rest the boys started out strong for the third. The Little boys teamed up with Isaac passing to Alex

for a third goal and to put the Storm boys in the lead. Sturgeon Thunder retaliated with two quick goals. Unfortunately, the Storm boys lost their steam and couldn't regain the lead. The game was lost 5-3.

On Saturday, Dec. 15 the Pepper Mill Atom A Storm hosted the Huntsville Otters who brought their game. The only goal by Storm was scored by Ryan Hall. The final score was 6-1 Otters.

Sunday, Dec. 16 the Highland Storm played host to the MPS All-Star Games.

Two teams Duchene and Hodgson were represented by up to four players from each team. Goalie Dylan Keefer, centre Zach Morissette and defensemen Isaac Little and Ethan Glecoff represented their team well. Special thanks to all the organizers and sponsors of the event for a great day for all.

Submitted by Jennifer Little.

All stars

Minden hosted an all-star hockey game Dec. 16 involving seven hockey associations from the Muskoka-Parry Sound Hockey League. Teams represented included the Highland Storm, Almaguin Ice Devils, Huntsville Otters, Port Carling Thunder, North Muskoka Lightning, South Muskoka Bears and Parry Sound Shamrocks. Photo submitted By Dana Manning



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Staff at Haliburton Shoppers Drug Mart were delighted to give YWCA Women's Centre, Haliburton County \$1,132 to help women who are victims of domestic violence. From left, Sarah Adams of YWCA receives the cheque from Shoppers Drug Mart staff Angela Sisson, Shenese Aldon, Heather Cole, Aimee Mansfield and Bree Mansfield at their store in Haliburton on Dec. 14. The money was from their Tree of Life campaign.

Jenn Watt Staff



Congratulations

Winner of the Haliburton Business Improvement Area's Buy In and Win Contest Dominic Florio, centre, collects his \$1,000 from members of the BIA executive on Dec. 10. Along with the money Florio also won an all inclusive trip for two to the Dominican Republic and a new set of luggage. Florio filled out his winning ballot at Stedmans V & S. "A special thanks to Irma Pasquino for encouraging him to fill one out," said his wife Bev Florio. From left, Ken Langdon, BIA chairman Luke Schell, BIA executive member Ray Langdon, Bev Florio, Dominic Florio, BIA vice-chairman Andy Glecoff, BIA treasurer Nelly Ashworth, BIA administrator Rosemarie Jung and Travel Plus manager Linda Coneybeare.

Angelica Blenich Staff



Lions give back

Jim Frost, left, Marilyn Frost, Betty Mills, James Lawr, Mary Lawr and Jack Lawr of the Haliburton and District Lions Club presented a \$500 cheque to Dale Walker and Foster Loucks of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. This is the second installment of the \$1,500 Lions commitment to the Believe in the Magic of Giving Campaign. This campaign will pay for patient monitoring systems for the Haliburton and Minden hospitals.

Darren Lum Staff

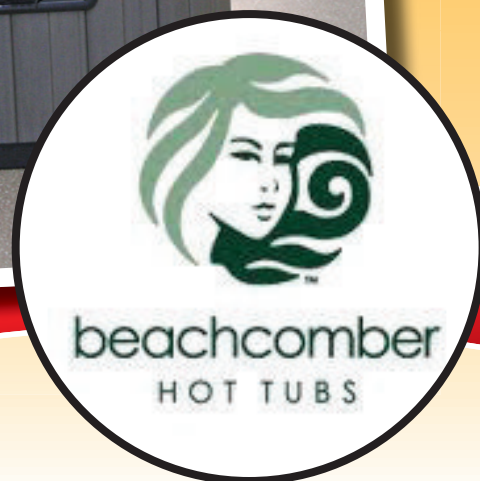
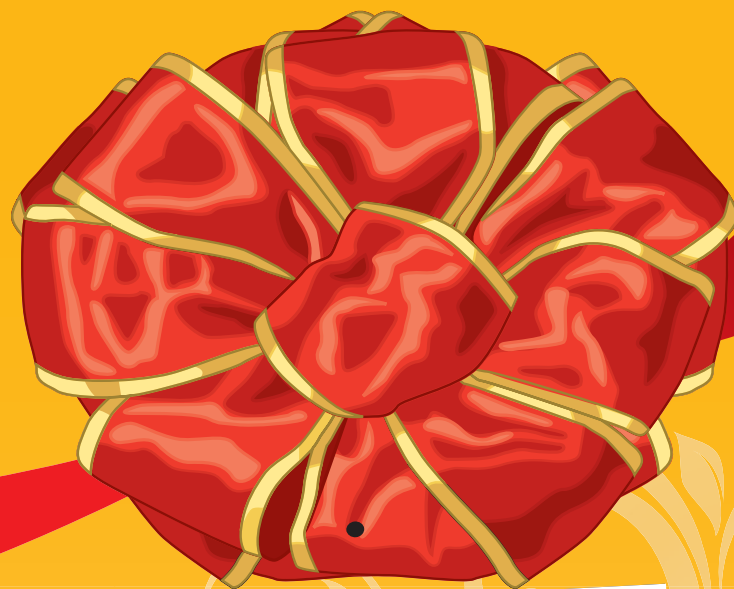
'Tis the season for giving

Dysart Fire Department's Jon Consack accepts a toy during the Fill the Fire Truck event at the Todd's Your Independent Grocer in Haliburton on Saturday, Dec. 15. The department raised \$665 and collected a pile of toys for the 4Cs. The Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve has its fundraiser for the volunteer fire department on Feb. 18.

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Book of the Week

The Devil and Sherlock Holmes: Tales of Murder, Madness & Obsession by David Grann

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Junior Book of the Week Young Adult Title

Cinder by Marissa Meyer

The story of Cinderella, the virtuous girl who lived a wretched life amongst her evil step mother and sisters, until her goodly actions allow her to win the love of a fair and noble man, is one of the world's most well-recognized fairy tales. *Cinder* by Marissa Meyer offers readers a new take on this age old classic, in which Cinderella becomes Linh Cin-

der, a gifted mechanic and cyborg living in New Beijing. A second-class citizen with a mysterious past, Cinder's life becomes unexpectedly intertwined with the handsome Prince Kai's, and as their paths converge, she finds herself falling in love with a man that she can never have. The first in a series, *Cinder* is an imaginatively futuristic read, available to reserve from the library today.

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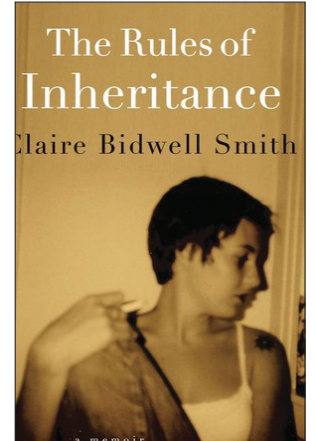


Jenn Watt, Managing Editor of *The Haliburton Echo*, *Minden Times* and *Bancroft This Week*, recently enjoyed *The Rules of Inheritance*, a stunning memoir by Claire Bidwell Smith. "*The Rules of Inheritance* is the telling of how a young girl lives through the death of her mother, then her father, to cancer," explains Watt. "Starting when Smith is 14, the prospect of death and mortality is thrust upon her psyche.

This book chronicles how she struggles to overcome that grief. Told with incredible honesty, *The Rules of Inheritance* breaks open the experience of loss – and the psychologi-

cal aftershocks – and takes the reader safe to the other side."

"While it might seem that the subject matter is overly dark, the truth is this book is inspirational," Watt concludes. "We see the clumsy process of grief, the stunning pain of it, but also how someone can learn from it and become a full person again. Not to mention – she is a breathtakingly good writer."



News & Events

Free holiday children's programming is set for the Minden Hills, Dysart and Wilberforce branches of the Library! Stop by Minden Dec. 27, Jan. 2 (10 to 11 a.m.); Dysart Dec. 29, Jan. 4 (10 to 11 a.m.); or Wilberforce Dec. 28, Jan. 3 (12:30 to 1:30 p.m.) for stories, games and crafts.

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Good thing Santa Claus had wheels beneath his snowsled when he arrived in the village on Sunday afternoon. Icy side-walks and driveways, a smidgen of snow and steady rain did not discourage those who bravely took part in the parade. Nor did it deter the children from coming to meet this very welcome visitor.

The LWMC stage had been creatively set up as a pleasant sitting room where Santa could meet his young friends.

Almost 100 little ones met with St. Nicholas for picture taking and to receive a gift.

Appreciation is extended to all the volunteers who work together to organize

the parade and the presents, the crafts, the food and the treats that make this a very special time for the children and their families.

Thank you all.

The old Red Cross Outpost was decked out in its festive best to welcome visitors to the annual Christmas Open House. During the afternoon and evening of Tuesday, Dec. 11 people dropped in to enjoy some relaxing time in this historic place just as was customary when the nurses who lived there and worked from there often hosted social functions.

The natural spruce tree with its collection of handmade and older ornaments was of considerable interest as visitors enjoyed seasonal refreshments.

The aroma of hot apple cider and coffee mingled with the scent of the cedar boughs that Nadeen had trimmed and hung so beautifully.

In the evening several rounds of croki-

nole added to the enjoyment as visitors soaked up the history of this special place.

The annual Christmas Carol Service at the historic Essonville Church takes place on Sunday, Dec. 23 beginning at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend and enjoy the music, the carols and usually some fine Christmas stories.

The passing of a loved one is always sad but even more difficult so close to Christmas. With the death of Joyce Marian Barras on Wednesday, Dec. 12, her family is mourning their loss. Joyce died peacefully at the Hyland Crest senior citizens' home in Minden.

She was 85 and had been in failing health for some time before becoming a resident there.

Joyce had lived in Wilberforce for many years. She and her husband Arthur worked here, raised their family here and willingly took part in community efforts. Joyce served on council in the former municipal-

ity of Monmouth where she contributed well on committees in the areas of recreation and housing. Joyce greatly enjoyed family times together at their cottage.

Sympathy is extended to her husband Art, sons Randy (Jane) of Lindsay and Scott (Teresa) of Vancouver, grandchildren Brittny, Brandon (Charlene), Rebecca and Matthew and to her brother Harry (Lavina) Madden. A private family gathering in the summer of 2013 will celebrate the life of Joyce Barras, a much loved and respected woman.

A special Christmas service was held on Sunday afternoon Dec. 16 at the Maple View complex recreation room.

Organized by Flo Taylor it was led by Rev. Canon Anne Moore of St. Margaret's Anglican Church.

The children and youth of the Full Gospel Church presented several musical numbers accompanied by their leaders on guitar.

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What a delight to see all the coloured lights around the neighbourhood on these dark December days. What with those outside and candlelight inside, the gloom of longer nights is nicely put away. Many are the cards received that also cheer us as we wait for Christmas tide.

Ella Stamp, daughter of Mark Stamp, and her sister Josie Quigley were two of the many young dancers on stage in Julie Barban's production of *The Nutcracker*, a thoroughly delightful presentation. Keep dancing girls!

Jorden, daughter of Erin Nicholls, was in the youth choir, which performed so well in Minden on Dec. 11, under the direction of Beth Kipping.

Our Highlands Concert Band performed on Dec. 14 at St. George's Church.

Thanks to those who supported us and thereby supported the food bank with the admission of money or food contributions.

Those involved from our area were Beth Johns, Bas Bouthoorn, Paul Irwin, me and John Pugh on percussion who also played *O Holy Night* on harmonica. Keith Burns, our founder, was unable to attend due to ill health and was sorely missed.

Thanks to Maple Lake United Church workers who entertained almost 40 people in the neighbourhood to a fine Christmas dinner on Saturday, Dec. 15. What a

spread of delicious food.

Also on Dec. 15, Bethany Houghton's students of stringed instruments gave a recital at St. George's Church.

Among them were Beth Johns (violin) and Norris Turner accompanying on guitar, Margaret Milne (viola) who also accompanied several students on keyboards, Paul Irwin (violin), and Marrie and Merrill Barry's granddaughter Jamie, daughter of Terry Holden.

Euchre scores for Dec. 11: high - Norma Geddes and Emile Duchene. Low - Roseanne Blight and Brandon van Nood. Most lone hands - Kay Morrison and Andy Chvedukas.

No columns from me next week but every blessing for all over Christmas and the New Year from your Guilford correspondent.

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Dysart et al Municipal Office
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To

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NOTICE

The Council of the County of Haliburton
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January 9, 2013 Standing Committees of
Council and at the regularly scheduled County
Council meeting on
Wednesday, January 23, 2013
in the County Council Chambers at
11 Newcastle St., Minden.
At this time Council may also consider
amendments to the
County Fee Bylaw
The public is invited to attend.



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION FOR PLAN OF SUBDIVISION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 51 of the Planning Act, as amended, and Ontario
Regulation 544/06, as amended, that the following Application for Plan of Subdivision has been submitted to
the County of Haliburton, the approval authority in these matters.

TAKE NOTICE: The Council of the County of Haliburton will hold a public meeting on **Wednesday January
23, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street,
Minden, Ontario to hear comments on the proposed plan of subdivision.

1. File No. 46-T-12003

Applicant: **776999 ONTARIO INC.**

Location of the Property: Part of Lot 15, Concession 7
Geographic Township of Dysart
Now in the Municipality of Dysart et al

Nature of the Application: Plan of Subdivision

Purpose and Effect: The application proposes to create 7 new residential lots and 1 block for a road.
The proposed lots will gain access from an extension to Ridge View Road
which will be constructed to municipal standards. Each lot will be serviced
with an individual well and septic system.

ANY PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal
representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed plan of subdivision.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS in respect of the proposed plan of subdivision are to be filed with the County of
Haliburton, Planning Department, P. O. Box 399, 11 Newcastle St., Minden, ON K0M 2K0.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, if one is held, or
make written submissions to the County of Haliburton in respect of the proposed plan of subdivision before the
approval authority gives or refuses to give approval to the draft plan of subdivision, the person or public body is
not entitled to appeal the decision of the County of Haliburton to the Ontario Municipal Board.

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REQUESTING NOTICE OF DECISION: A decision will be made by the Council of the County of
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Council of the County of Haliburton in respect of the proposed plan of subdivision, you must make a written
request to the Planning Department, County of Haliburton, P. O. Box 399, 11 Newcastle St., Minden, ON
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OTHER RELATED APPLICATIONS: None.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information regarding this Application for Plan of Subdivision
is available for public inspection at the Planning Department, County of Haliburton, by *appointment* during
regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dated at the Township of Minden this 18th day of December, 2012

Jane M. Tousaw CMO
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THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF the Municipal Act; and **IN THE MATTER OF** a proposed by-law of the
Corporation of the County of Haliburton to convey to the adjoining landowner, an
inaccessible portion of property, situated in part of Lot 4 Concession 1, within the
Geographic Township of Minden, in the Municipality of Minden Hills.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 34(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001,
c.25, as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton
proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its meeting to be held in the
Council Chambers of the Administration Building on Newcastle Street, in the Village of
Minden, Ontario, on January 23, 2013, a by-law to convey a parcel of land described as
follows:

**Portion of inaccessible lands, situated in Part of Lot 4, Concession 1 in the Geographic
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The plan of survey is available for inspection at the Roads Department Office, 3 St.
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The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-law at its meeting to be held as
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DATED at Minden, this 30th day of November, 2012.

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Attention Readers

Due to the holidays, letters to the editor for the Haliburton Echo and Minden Times must be delivered by Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 5 p.m. You can email them to jenn.watt@sunmedia.ca or bring them to the Echo office (146 Highland Street) or Times office (2 IGA Road). Other photo submissions must also adhere to this deadline in order to be published in the issue before Christmas. There will be no Echo or Times on Jan. 1 and 2.

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Dec 20th: LAST DAY to donate to Head Lake Grill Toy Drive: Bring in a New unwrapped toy or gift card and receive 10% off your bill, as well as a chance to win a weekly prize of \$25 gift certificate at Head Lake Grill. All toys will be donated to the 4C's Toy Drive

Dec 27th: Winter FUN Free Programs at the Library Christmas Break: from 10:00 to 11:00 located at the Minden Hills Branch location

Dec 28th: Winter FUN Free Programs at the Library Christmas Break from 12:30p.m. to 1:30 p.m. located at the Wilberforce Branch

Dec 29th: Winter FUN Free Programs at the Library Christmas Break from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. located at the Dysart Branch location

Dec 31: Minden Hills Family New Year's Eve located at the Minden Community Centre. Enjoy a Family Skate, Christmas Tree Bon Fire at 8:00 p.m., Fireworks 9:00p.m. Cammy George 286-1936

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Charitable test drive

Jim Davis of Minden, in driver's seat of a 2013 Silverado LTZ, was one of many who participated in Test Drive for a Cause at Curry Motors Limited in Haliburton on Friday, Dec. 14. Davis is flanked by Bob Johnston, left, of Curry Motors Limited, Dale Walker, right, of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, and Jason Curry and Don Popple of Curry Motors Limited. The Foundation was the recipient of the charitable event that raised \$25 for each test drive, given by General Motors and the local dealer. Initially the event was one day, but was extended over the weekend. **Darren Lum Staff**

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Canoe FM is looking for a Project Coordinator to lead the
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This project must be completed on or before August 31, 2013.

Project Description

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Brenda Henderson (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully with her family by her side on Friday evening, December 14, 2012 in her 74th year. Beloved wife of Thomas Henderson. Loving mother of Arlene Bendall and Alan Henderson (Kristine) all of Sarnia. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Brian (Melissa), Leah (Jason), Cassandra, and by her great granddaughter Quinn. Dear sister of Lenora (Bob McMinn), Stanley (Phyllis Watt), Sheila (Edward Burke) and Bradley (Donna Watt). Also lovingly remembered by her many nephews, nieces and cousins. Brenda enjoyed singing, ceramics and Bingo. She loved meeting people and socializing.

Visitation & Graveside Service

Friends may call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME**, 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Monday afternoon, December 17, 2012 from 4-7 p.m. A Graveside Service will be held in the Spring. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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MACDONNELL, Logie Macalister - Logie, aged 74, died in Kingston General Hospital, December 13th 2012. He leaves wife Libby, children Jennifer (Blake Paton), Scarth (Kim), and Harry (Deb), siblings Molly McClung (Peter Fiander), Mickey Hopkins (John), and Norman (Connie Strang), and grandchildren Betty, Charlotte, Jake, Luke, Lauren, Meg and Ben, and many more relatives and friends. Retired from the Registrar's Office at Royal Military College, Logie loved Tai Chi, wordplay and brain games, tennis, singing in the choirs of Chalmers, Haliburton and Edith Rankin Churches, and his seven grandchildren. Thank you to Logie's care team at KGH, especially Emergency C and Connell 9, and also to the PSW's of Saint Elizabeth. Donations, if desired, may be directed to the Taoist Tai Chi Society 302 Montreal Street Kingston Ontario K7K 3H1 or Edith Rankin Memorial United Church, 4080 Bath Road Kingston Ontario K7M 4Y7. Visitation at Edith Rankin Memorial United Church, 4080 Bath Road, 17th December at 1 pm, with a Celebration of Life at 2 pm and reception to follow.

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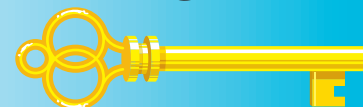
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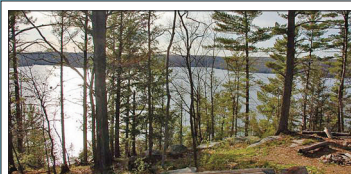
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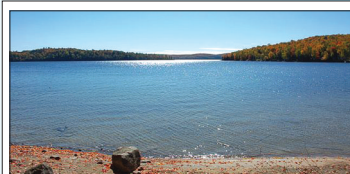
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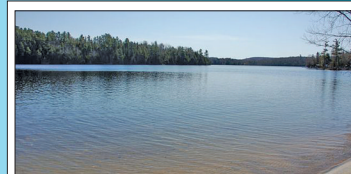
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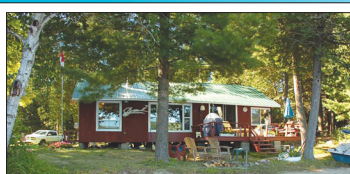
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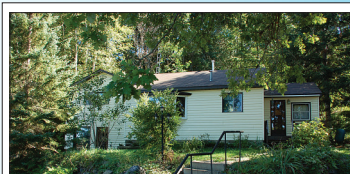
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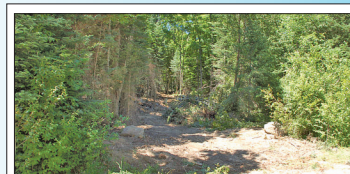
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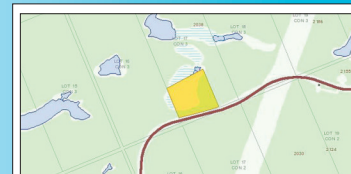
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With deeded access
to the lake.

\$19,999

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with another Christmas upon us. Take time to embrace
life, enjoy friendships, and love & laugh with family
during the Holidays. This is our Christmas Wish to you.

Happiest of Holidays

from our Team!

Troy, Linda & Marion

